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Details of 478 miles of proposed new roads in Missouri, in addition to the present designated 7640-mile system, were announced as a tentative plan by the State Highway Commission recently. Included are 27 miles out-state, 129 miles to relieve congestion in the vicinity of St. Louis, has explained in full in the Post-Dispatch, and 67 miles for similar relief around Kansas City.

Chief Engineer Cutler of the commission said it was proposed to build these roads and to complete the 7640-mile system by 1933, if a projected new bond issue is successful. Furthermore, the commission contemplates creating a supplementary system of State-wide farm-to-market secondary roads by 1933, with the bond money.

Concrete will be used for some of the new out-state roads in the 276-mile, 1933 program, and gravel for the rest. Included are roads to nine of the 12 State parks. The tentative plan includes the following projects:

From Gower, Buchanan County, north to Federal highway No. 36, the Ocean-to-Ocean route, as a cutoff from State highway No. 1.

From Liberty west to Federal highway No. 71.

From Harrisonville to Clinton, opening a large section of country in Cass and Henry counties.

From Lebanon to Buffalo, by way of Bennett Spring State Park, providing a short cut from St. Louis to Fort Scott, Kansas.

Extension of State Highway No. 39 south all the way across Lawrence County to connect with State Highway No. 16.

From Fidelity Corner, Jasper County, through Newton County, to connect State Highways Nos. 38 and 16.

Cutoff at Marionville between State highways Nos. 43 and 16.

Cutoff from State Highway No. 43 at Reed's Spring to Federal highway No. 65, an important link in making the Shepherd of the Hills country accessible.

Cutoff to Federal highway No. 60, south of Springfield.

Extension of State highway No. 43 from Siloam Springs east across Howell County to a point on Federal highway No. 63 north of West Plains.

Cutoff between Roll and Salem, greatly increasing accessibility of a favorite Ozark section.

New road across Shannon County from Eminence to Summersville, by way of Alley Spring State Park, connecting State highway Nos. 19 and 17.

Extension of State highway No. 51A from Puxico across Stoddard County to Federal highway No. 60 to a point east of Poplar Bluff.

Connection between Advance, on State highway No. 25, running southwest to No. 51A.

New road from House Springs to De Soto, by way of Hillsboro and Victoria.

Cutoff between Stoutsburg, Mon-

roe County, on State highway No. 24, by way of Mark Twain State Park

Cutoff in Marion County between Federal highways Nos. 61 and 36, northwest of Hannibal.

Connection between Federal highway No. 61 at Taylo and West Quincy, to connect the Missouri and Illinois systems.

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**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

No greater love hath any man than this.

That he lay down his life for fel-lows need.

Holy love, perfect sacrifice, what bliss

Celestial fires consume each thought and deed.

Then let us render unto him his own

Hoist the honors high for all to see, Give unto him all reverence to alone

Princely martyrdom, ever honored be.

—Minnie Sayers Smith

Gower—Two cars' walnut logs shipped from here on recent day to Eastern market.

Lecture on Christian Science by John W. Dooley, C. S. B. of London, England, will be radio cast over station WHB, Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 3:30 under the auspices of Seven churches of Christ Scientists, Kansas City.

If there's not a screw loose with the Rev. John Fugel, Catholic priest of Vienna, Mo., then he is not the man that should be a priest, judging by the good men whom we have known as priests and this without exception. And if there is, then proper allowance should be made for him. If

Archbishop Gleeson would transfer him from the State, every newspaper man, we believe, without regard to party lines, would certainly herald it with genuine pleasure.—Charleston Times.

The States have been obtaining excellent results in enforcing their game laws by using information furnished them by United States game wardens, who are under the direction of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Since July 1, 1927, there have been more than 250 convictions in State courts as a result of discovery by Federal wardens of violations of State game laws. The fines and costs assessed totaled \$10,675.25, and in four cases jail sentences involving 15, 30, 60, and 90 days were imposed.

A case against a local concern in the State of Washington involving illegal traffic in beaverskins resulted in a fine of \$1500 and costs of \$12.50.

The information on which this State case was originally based was obtained by a Federal game warden in the examination of consignee records at

the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

**CONGRESS HALF OVER AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS SOLVED**

Washington.—Although at the half way mark of its first session, the seventieth congress has yet to dispose of any one of the eight major problems which face it when it met on December 6.

Material progress has been made in the drafting of bills as solutions of some of the problems, but it now is regarded as inevitable that several must be left for the congress to be elected next November, as it will scarcely be possible to get through highly controversial legislation at the short session to begin next December.

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**GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS SPAWNING LAW**

The State Game and Fish Department invites inquiries concerning the new closed season spawning law of game fish. The spawning season for bass, jack salmon, crappie and goggle-eye begins at 12:01 a. m. March 2 and ends at midnight May 29th and it seems that in a greater or less number of instances people do not understand the necessity which brought about the passage of this law by the last general assembly.

The spawning period for fish varies according to the location of the territory involved, and is later in northern altitudes and earlier in the south. Missouri's designated spawning season for the various species of game fish, as set forth in the new law, were arrived at only after the most exhaustive and painstaking investigation and is based upon the experiences and findings of the greatest authorities of fish culture in the United States. For Missouri, these authorities set the spawning season for bass, crappie, jack salmon and goggle-eye as from March 1 to May 30; for trout from November 1 to May 30 and for channel cat from June 10 to July 10.

It should be noted that the dates above specified as governing the closed season are none of them inclusive. The closed season on bass, goggle-eye, jack salmon and crappie begins at 12:01 a. m. March 2 and continues until midnight May 29. The closed season on channel cat begins at 12:01 o'clock a. m. June 11 and ends at midnight July 9. The closed season on trout (except in state parks) begins at 12:01 a. m. November 2 and ends at midnight May 29.

With reference to the reasonableness of this law, the Department takes the position that no true sportsman would butcher a doe when fawning, or kill a turkey hen when with a flock of young turkeys a few days old, nor shoot a quail when on the nest. Fishermen are reminded that while they cannot see the bass guarding the nest from the enemies of its spawn, the spawn is there just the same and the status of the father and mother fish, who seem to take turns in guarding the nest from destruction, is exactly on the same basis as is that of game which can be seen on land. It is performing the same beautiful service to its coming progeny and should be protected and furthermore those rights will be respected and the fish must be protected if we expect to have a continuation of profitable fishing. If spawn are not protected until the hatch, there will be no fish to take the place of the fish caught, for at best, not over one-half of one percent of the hatch over lives to adult size, and experiments made by the Federal Department of Fisheries show less than 23-100th of one percent of the fry ever become adults.

At best, we cannot look for a great increase in fish without artificial propagation under much improved conditions, and those improved conditions involve the retention at hatcheries of the fry until large enough to battle for themselves. Considering this new and admirable policy, sportsmen should give all possible encouragement to every attempt made to protect the fish already in our streams, especially during their spawning season.

Committees at both ends of the capitol will be busy, with the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee receiving a report from its subcommittee which investigated conditions in the Pennsylvania bituminous district where there has been a stoppage of work, and the Teapot Dome committee resuming its inquiry into the profits of the Continental Trading Company of Canada.

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**PLAN STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR \$75,000,000 BONDS**

St. Louis, February 28.—The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Bond Issue Committee will meet at the American Hotel at 11 a. m. Saturday to discuss a statewide campaign to obtain passage of the proposed \$75,000,000 road bond issue.

Lloyd Stark, vice president of Stark Brothers Nurseries of Louisiana, Mo., is chairman of the committee.

He has appointed Harold M. Bixby, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to his committee. Bixby, who accompanied Col. Lindbergh to Detroit and New York, indicated in a telegram that he would accept.

The \$75,000,000 bond issue is ex-

pected to be adequate for completion of the primary and secondary road system of the State in five years.

Under the pay-as-you-go plan, it has

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**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE TO BE BUILT AS IT WAS**

Plans for rebuilding the house at Wakefield, Va., where George Washington was born were announced on the eve of his birthday.

Four years from now the nation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the first President of the United States—yet four years ago no man could say with certainty what sort of house he was born in. There were opinions enough, a wide variety of them. Some asserted that the Wakefield house, which was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day, 1780, had been a cabin; others a mansion still others, that Washington had not been born at Wakefield at all.

In the course of the last four years, however, students of Washington have, under the auspices of the Wakefield National Memorial Association, arrived at what they consider the truth. No stone—quite literally—was left unturned in the quest, and no document, however remote its bearing, left unexamined. When all the evidence had been collected and assayed, the actual plan was formulated.

Then an architect was entrusted with the task of reproducing the house in which George Washington was born. His plan has been approved by the National Fine Arts Commission, of which Dr. Charles Moore is Chairman.

What the Wakefield Association has done and purposes to do in this undertaking form an important chapter in the history of American memorials. Here is the background: The Washington family first settled on a part of the present Wakefield estate in March, 1665, a full century before the Revolution. Colonel John Washington, the great-grandfather of George Washington, had come to Westmoreland, Va., in 1656. He died and was buried there in 1656. Major Lawrence Washington and Major John Washington, his sons, succeeded him.

After their marriages, the family lived on separate parts of the Wakefield estate until the house in which George Washington was born was burned, in 1780. After that, the Washingtons continued in other houses on the land, and descendants still live on part of the same Wakefield estate—a continuous possession, in whole or in part, for two hundred and sixty-two years, eight generations.

It was at Wakefield, then, that George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, according to the modern calendar. Between three and four years later the family moved to their estate of 2500 acres which embraced the present Mount Vernon. There Washington passed about four more years of his boyhood. Then he moved again with his parents, this time to King George County, Va., to an estate (with a "mansion house") which had previously belonged to William Strother, located approximately two miles distant eastward from Fredericksburg. This property his father, Augustine Washington, purchased on November 2, 1738, and there he died in 1743.

George Washington lived there steadily until his father's death, afterward alternating his stays there with his sojourns with his brother, Augustine Washington, Jr., at Wakefield, and with his mother on her estate at Little Falls on the Rappahannock. When he was sixteen, he returned to Mount Vernon.

After passing some time in several places essential to his social inter-

ests in the counties of Fairfax, Stafford, King George, Westmoreland and Fredericksburg (including a visit of three months in the West Indies), and to his professional duties as official surveyor for the County of Culpeper and, at large, for Lord Fairfax and others in the upper northern neck of Virginia, as the historian expresses it, he went back to Mount Vernon again, having inherited it in 1752, and other members of the family lived on at Wakefield until the fire in 1780.

Probably owing to its comparative inaccessibility in the past, Wakefield has been neglected during most of the years that it has been known as Washington's birthplace. His stepson placed a small tablet to mark the spot after the fire. A farmer who later owned the land saved it from the unhallowed hands of the souvenir hunters. The State of Virginia planned to build a memorial, but the Civil War swept it aside.

So far as the United States Government is concerned, the first official action came in 1879, when Congress appropriated \$3000 for a monument. Two years passed. Then the resolution was redrafted, making the appropriation ten times as much. More years passed. Finally, in the '90s, the monument was built.

When the project for the bicentennial commemoration was formulated it was at once pointed out that the event should take into consideration the birthplace of the man whose birth is to be celebrated. Great importance has attached to the place where he died, Mount Vernon, but it is his birth that is to be commemorated in 1932.

Wakefield the birthplace had been neglected until a few years ago. That was when the Wakefield Association began its restoration work, which will undoubtedly be finished in time for the bicentennial. When all the material gathered by excavations into the ground and into musty archives had been gathered, the architect was appointed to proceed with the plans. Edward W. Donn, Jr., was chosen because he had devoted much study to Colonial architecture and especially to the simple Virginia structures of the time Washington's birthplace was built.

The excavations had established that the house was of brick, not, as had been erroneously reported, of wood. Quantities of brick had escaped the hands of visitors eager for souvenirs because it was buried in the ground. It was established that the brick had been made on the Wakefield estate. The bricks for the new Wakefield will be produced from the original clay pit. In fact, so close will be the adherence to the model of the past that bricks of a peculiarly mottled surface, burned with liquid acid that forms a grayish fireproof glaze, which were used where the heat was greatest around fireplaces and chimneys, will be reproduced.

The exterior view of the house was decided upon only after research had established the details. A frontage about double the depth was indicated by the extant foundations. These walls extend down only a few feet below the surface, and the fact that the surface at the present time averages at least a foot above the level it had when young George Washington ran across it, owing to grading done for the monument, clearly defines the basement story indicated by the small half-windows.

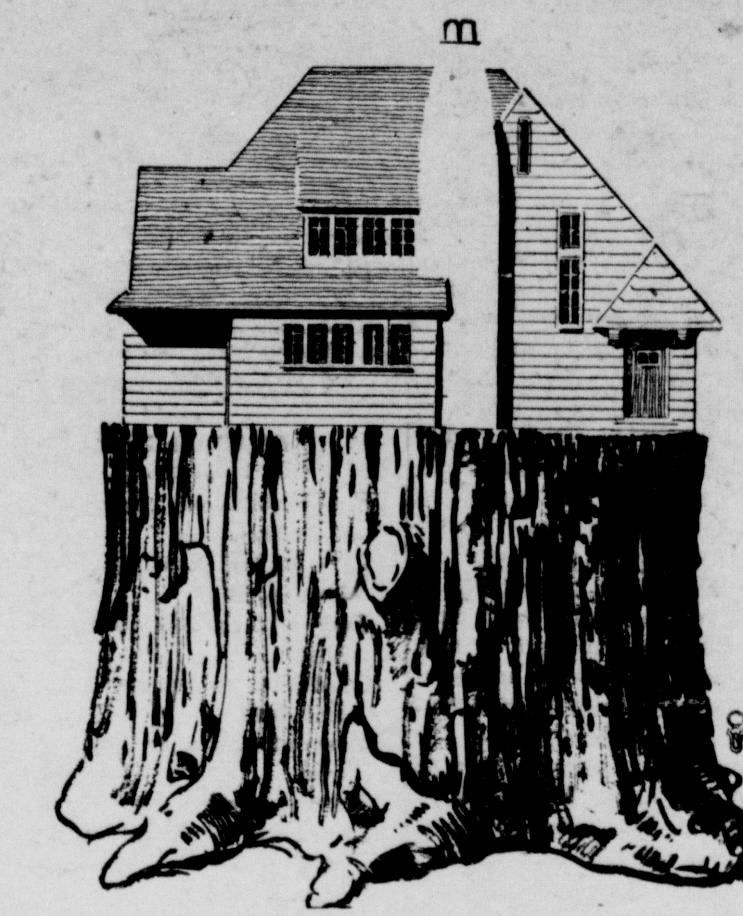
With such a basement indicated, the conclusion followed that the first floor above was topped by an attic, of a height sufficient to admit of four bedrooms with dormer windows and

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chimneys through the outer end, walls providing fireplaces. The comparative lightness of the foundations govern the height of the building, of course. All this, moreover, is strictly in the Virginia tradition of the period, for that type of house was not uncommon in the first half of the eighteenth century.

The room in which George Washington was born was at the left, back corner of the house; that is to say, the right, front room from the other side; for the house was double-faced, in the custom of the period, with one front toward the highway and the other toward the water, two front doors connected by a hall running across the house.

The kitchen, outside, will be rebuilt on the site of the foundation of the great chimney whose foundation is still there, outside the main foundation walls, indicating that it was a matter of national concern that Washington's birthplace was still isolated and that pictures of houses falsely represented as the birthplace were being published. So they formed the Wakefield National Memorial Association.—New York Times.

A round table, saved from Wakefield at the time of the fire, and which tradition in the Washington family avers was brought from England in 1660, is now being exhibited in Continental Hall in Washington. This table has been presented by Mrs. H. L. Rust to the association, for placing in the house when it is restored.

The broken Washington platter, in the salt glaze in vogue in 1735, has been restored by potters and duplicates will be soon available. Other pieces of furniture and other belongings from the original house are doubtless extant in various parts of the country, and the association hopes by purchase or by gift to acquire them for the memorial. These will be entered in the Golden Book of Wakefield.

Among the pictures that will be placed on the walls are a replica of Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Washington as President, and Rembrandt's Lafayette, painted in Paris, which have already been presented by Mrs. L. K. Graves and Mrs. H. P. Woodruff. Other paintings have been located, but not yet acquired.

The replacement of the library can be guided by the list given in the inventory discovered by the historian of the association. It includes thirteen volumes of Rapin's "History of England", nine volumes of The Spectator, three volumes of Virgil, six volumes of Pope's "Homeric", two volumes of the "Conquest of Mexico", six volumes of Shakespeare, two volumes of Abridgment of the Reformation, six volumes of Clarendon's "History of the Rebellion", three volumes of magazines, eight volumes of Clark's Sermons, Gordon's "Geographical Grammar", a Great Lexicon, Webb's "Justice", a book called "The Art of Cookery", a large Bible, a large Book of Common Prayer and sundry old English and Latin books.

The cellar had its own revelations. It soberly recorded that there were "eleven gallons of spirits, seven and one-half gallons of brandy, one hogshead of Teneriffe wine, fourteen bottles of white wine, twenty-three bottles of ale"; and with that treasure "seven wine glasses, three beer glasses, one horn punch ladle, three carved beer glasses, thirteen carved wine glasses and twenty and one-half dozen of quart bottles."

Another project, apart from the rebuilding and refurbishing of the house, which the Wakefield Association has undertaken, is the rebuilding of the ancient log house. It will stand on the site of a log house that used to be on the estate. Furthermore, the association has purchased, by formal deed of conveyance execut-

ed by the present Washington heirs, title to the family burial ground. In the ancient arched vault ten members of the Washington family, including the father of George, are buried.

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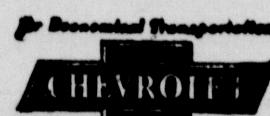


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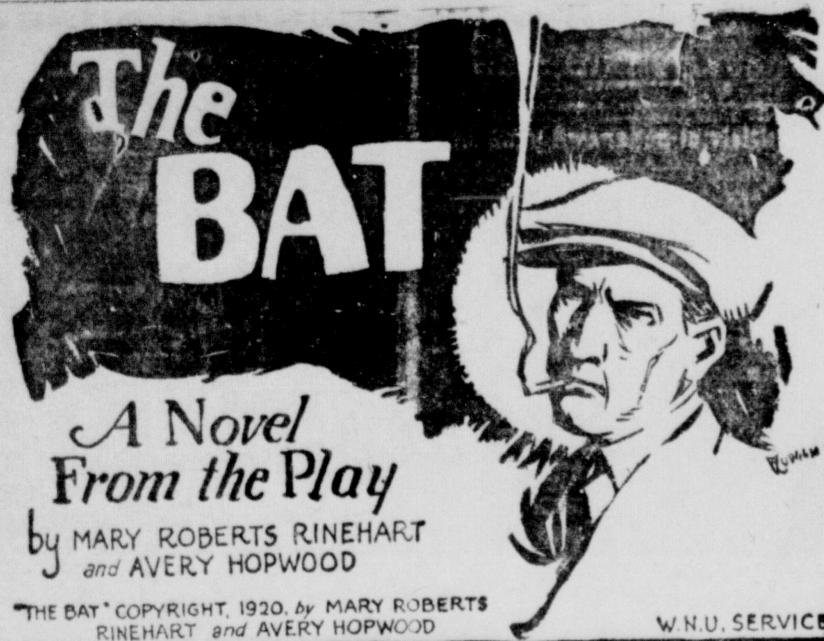
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CHAPTER I

## The Shadow of the Bat

"You've got to get him, boys—get him or bust!" said a tired police chief.

Pounding a heavy fist on a table. The detectives he bellowed the words at looked at the floor. They had done their best and failed. Failure meant "resignation" for the police chief, return to the hated work of pounding the pavements for them—they knew it, and, knowing it, could summon no gesture of bravado to answer their chiefs. Gunmen, thugs, hijackers, loafers, murderers, they could get them all in time—but they could not get the man he wanted.

"Get him—to h—I with the expense—I'll give you carte blanche—but get him!" said a haggard millionaire in the sedate inner offices of the best private detective firm in the country.

The man on the other side of the desk, man-hunter extraordinary, old servant of government and state, sleuth-hound without a peer, threw up his hands in a gesture of odd hopelessness. "It isn't the money, Mr. de Courcy—I'd

give every cent I've made to get the man you want—but I can't promise you results—for the first time in my life."

The conversation was ended.

"Get him? Huh! I'll get him—watch my smoke!" It was young ambition speaking in a certain set of rooms in Washington. Three days later young ambition lay in a New York gutter with a bullet in his heart and a look of such horror and surprise on his dead face that even the ambulance doctor who found him felt shaken. "We've lost the most promising man we had in ten years," said his chief, when the news came in. He swore helplessly, "D—n the luck!"

"Get him—get him—get him—get him!" From a thousand sources now the clamor arose—press, police and public alike crying out for the capture of the master-criminal of a century—lost voices hounding a specter down the alleyways of the wind. And still the meshes broke and the quarry slipped away before the hounds were well on the scent—leaving behind a trail of shattered safes and rifled jewel cases—while over the clamor rose higher to "Get him—get him—get him!"

Get whom, in God's name—get what? Beast, man or devil? A specter—a flying shadow—the shadow of a Bat.

From thieves' hangout to thieves' hangout the word passed along stirring the underworld like the passage of an electric spark. There were bright stars and flashing comets in the world of crime—but this new planet rose with the portent of an evil moon.

The Bat—they called him the Bat.

Like a bat he chose the night hours for his work of rapine—like a bat he struck and vanished, pouncing, noiselessly—like a bat he never showed himself to the face of the day. He'd never been in stir—the bulls had never mugged him—he didn't run with a mob—he played a lone hand and fenced his stirs so that even Ikey the Fence couldn't swear he knew his face. Most lone wolves had a maul, at any rate—women were their ruin—but if the Bat had a maul, not even the swarthy telegraph could locate her.

Bat-faced gunmen in the dingy back rooms of speak-easies muttered over

his exploits with bated breath. In tawdry gorgeous apartments, where gathered the larger figures, the proconsuls of the world of crime, cold, conscienceless brains dissected the work of a colder and swifter brain than theirs, with suave and bitter envy. Evil's Four Hundred chattered, discussed, debated—sent out a thousand invisible tentacles to clutch at a shadow—to turn this shadow and its distorted genius to their own ends. The tentacles recoiled, baffled—the Bat worked alone—not even Evil's Four Hundred could bend him into a willing instrument to execute another's plan.

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Columnists took him up—played with the name and the terror—used the name and the terror as a starting-point from which to exhibit their own particular opinions on everything from the immortality of the soul to the merits of the Lucy Stone league. Ministers mentioned him in sermons—cranks wrote fanatic letters denouncing him as one of the seven-headed beasts of the Apocalypse and a forerunner of the end of the world—a popular revue put on a special Bat number wherein eighteen beautiful chorus-girls appeared masked and black-winged in costume of Brazilian bat-fur—there were Bat club sandwiches; Bat cigarettes and a new shade of silk hose called simply and succinctly "Bat." He became a fad—a catchword—a national figure. And yet—he was walking Death—cold, remorseless. But death itself has become a toy of publicity in these days of limelight and jazz.

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FIRST 10 YEARS OF CAMPAIGN  
GREATLY REDUCES BOVINE TB

Ten years ago, soon after he had taken charge of the Tuberculosis Eradication Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, the late Dr. J. A. Kiernan made the significant and prophetic statement that "tuberculosis can be eradicated from all the cattle and all the swine in the United States".

At that time official testing showed that 4.9 per cent of the cattle were infected with tuberculosis and figures on 40,000,000 hogs slaughtered under the Federal inspection indicated that 10 per cent of all the swine in the United States were infected.

At the close of 1927 the same sources of information indicated that tuberculosis in cattle had decreased to 2.9 per cent infection, and that although the disease in swine had increased from 10 per cent in 1917 to 15.2 per cent in 1924 it has gradually been decreasing since that time and at the close of 1927 was 13.5 per cent.

There are now 401 counties, or 13 per cent of the entire number in the United States, classed as modified accredited areas because they have less than one-half of 1 per cent infection in cattle. In addition to these free counties there are 627 others engaged in the work looking to modification. This total of 1,028 counties, either modified or working to that end, constitutes one-third of the total number of counties in the United States. A total of 18,610,685 head of cattle are now under supervision for the eradication of tuberculosis.

In reviewing the last 10 years' work, Dr. A. E. Wight, acting chief of the division, said that his marked decrease of infection in both cattle and swine has been accomplished as a result of the intensive campaign against the disease. It is apparent, he says, that the prophecy made in 1917 relative to the possibility of controlling and eradicating this disease is being borne out. He emphasizes the necessity, however, of continued and determined effort to completely eradicate the disease as early as possible. If a feeling of security is permitted to exist to the detriment of organized efforts, dire results may yet occur in some localities.

HARDWARE STORE NOW UNDER  
MANAGEMENT OF JNO. SIKES

The Baker-Bowman Hardware Co. is now in charge of A. C. Sikes and will be operated in the future on a cash basis under the management of John Sikes.

The stock of the store will be rearranged and replenished and first class merchandise will be handled. In taking over the management of the store, John Sikes said that he intends to give Sikeston the best in hardware and in conducting the store on a cash basis to give the best prices available.

John is well known and well liked and has many friends who wish him success in his enterprise.

Bethany—Construction of new reinforced concrete bridge over Buck's Branch on outh 16th Street will start immediately.

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FOREST FIRES STARTED BY  
LIGHTNING DO MOST DAMAGE

In forests most carefully guarded from fires due to man's carelessness, there remains the hazard of fires started by lightning. And a study of fire records in the year 1926 in the forest where fire-protection service is maintained shows that although lightning is not the most frequent cause of fire, accounting for only 12 per cent of the number, it was the most important in damage done, accounting for 31 per cent. The explanation is that lightning is likely to start fire in inaccessible spots, where it will not be discovered so promptly and where it is more difficult to gather fire-fighting forces before the fire has spread and has become serious. Man-made fires start where man has been and where it is relatively easy to send men to fight the fires.

In the carefully protected forests of Idaho and Montana the figures for 1926 are even more striking, according to H. T. Gisborne of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, who finds that lightning caused 59 per cent of all forest fires and was responsible for 72 per cent of the damage. The danger period in these forests is from the 1st of June to the end of September, and in these months the fire-protection service adds men to its organization and keeps them busy on routine work until the Weather Bureau or the lookout stations atop the mountains report the approach of a storm accompanied by lightning. If a lookout sees a lightning storm passing through a stretch of woods remote from headquarters he will notify the organization and fire fighters will be started in that direction. It is often several hours, frequently a day or more, after a storm before the smoke is visible to the lookouts, so that they can give exact directions as to its location. Meantime the fire fighters get into the vicinity and gain the precious time that makes the difference between successful suppression of a small fire and a difficult contest with a fire that has gained headway and done great damage.

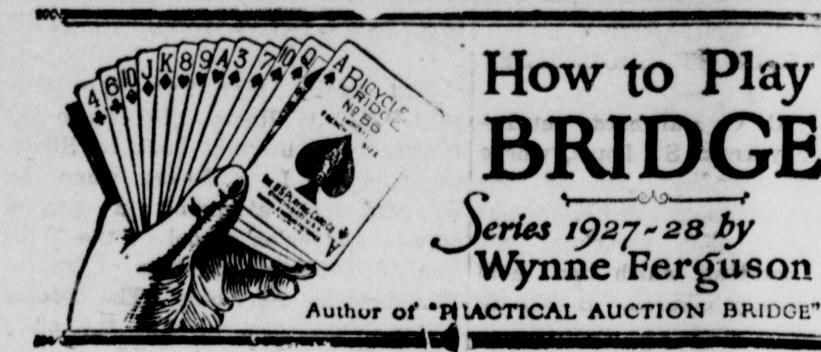
MRS. JOHN FOX APPOINTED  
GUARDIAN FOR HUSBAND

John Fox, former City Clerk, was found mentally incapable of handling his own affairs and Mrs. John Fox, his wife, was appointed guardian for him at a hearing before Probate Judge T. B. Dudley late Monday afternoon.

Testimony showed that Mr. Fox is addicted to the use of narcotics, taking doses three times a day any one of which would kill a normal man. It was testified further that Mr. Fox has been using narcotics for several years since he became a addict as a result of hospital treatment.

The findings in the Probate Court will not affect the criminal proceedings in the Circuit Court when the trial of Fox in connection with alleged mismanagement of City funds comes up later in the month except that the insanity findings will probably be used as a defense.

Flat River—500 feet of hose purchased for local fire department.



## ARTICLE NO. 28

One of the laws of Auction Bridge that causes many arguments is the one covering insufficient bids—Law No. 20, which states that any bid or double is an insufficient bid, unless it is higher than the last previous bid. Such an insufficient bid may be corrected before attention is called to the error. Attention is called to the insufficient bid, however, the penalty is very severe. It is as follows:

"If any player, other than the insufficient bidder, call attention to the insufficiency before the insufficient bidder has corrected his bid and before the next player has declared, the bidder must make his bid sufficient and his partner is barred from further participation in the auction. In such case, the bid may be sufficient by substituting any higher bid in any suit or no-trump".

The tremendous loss that may result from the application of this law was well exemplified the other night in a duplicate game at one of the New York Clubs:

Y

A B

Z

Hearts—K

Clubs—8, 4

Diamonds—A, K, 6

Spades—A, K, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump. The usual player

one club, Y bid one heart and B bid one spade. Z bid two hearts and A would not be disturbed. A, however,

bid two clubs, an insufficient bid.

Y was one of those players who love to

immediately called attention to the

take chances, so he bid two hearts.

error and B was thereupon barred

This bid was made in the hope of

from further bidding. A. J. Alexander, of New York City, held B's lieving that hearts was his suit and

hand and was so affected by the inci-

dent that he wrote the following de-

scription of the disaster:

"In every game there are many

penalties for not playing exactly ac-

cording to rule but in no sport are

the penalties as severe as in the an-

cient and honorable game of bridge.

There's many a slip 'twixt the

bid and the lip', and all such slips give

great profit to one's opponents.

Bidding out of turn is more costly than

driving a golf ball out of bounds, and

revoking is much worse for a declarer

than offside play is for a tackle.

"A bridge player must guard al-

most every word he says with his

very life, or an alert opponent will

proudly open the book of rules, and

impose a penalty which may net him

several hundred points. In a recent

hand of duplicate at the Knickerbocker

Whist Club, a slip of the tongue

caused a penalty that made me think

that life was no longer worth living.

"It was at the last table and our

opponents were determined to fight

rightfully to make a gain against us.

As I picked up my hand, I was over-

joyed, because it was a sure game,

almost fool-proof and offering op-

portunities for a small slam. I was B

and held: Spades, ace, king, ten and

four others; diamonds, ace, king and

another; two small clubs and the lone

king of hearts. Z dealt and passed

with little enthusiasm. A bid one

club, which gave me beautiful visions

of a slam. Y bid a heart, and I bid a

spade, expecting to get the contract

very quickly.

"Z said two hearts, and then came

the crushing disaster. My partner A,

for some unknown reason, bid two

clubs, wherupon Y burst into a joy-

Problem No. 32

Hearts—A, J, 10, 9, 7, 5

Clubs—10

Diamonds—A, Q, 9, 8, 6, 4

Spades—none

Hearts—6, 3, 2

Clubs—none

Diamonds—K, 10, 7, 3, 2

Spades—A, 10, 8, 7, 6

Hearts—Q

Clubs—K, Q, J, 7, 6, 3

Diamonds—J

Spades—K, J, 9, 5, 3

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club. Figure out the proper bidding of the other hands and compare results with analysis that will be given in the next article.

MUSIC AND COSTUMES OF  
MINER PLAY ATTRACTIVE

"Mrs. Tubbs of Shanty Towns", the home talent play which is to be presented at the Miner Community Building tonight (Friday) is under the auspices of the Miner Community Association assisted by the Baptist Sunday school instead of as stated Tuesday.

Special music for the play will be furnished by the Miner String Orchestra which is composed of residents of the community and which has been complimented as being an excellent aggregation.

The play will begin at 8 o'clock, the admission is thirty cents for adults and twenty cents for children.

The cast will wear special costumes. Mrs. Tubbs, played by Mrs. C. W. Smoot, is a jovial individual her philosophy is, "I ain't a gonna wor-

ry cause there ain't no use to listen your umbrella till it rains", and "Take your comforts as they come", that's my motto—keep smiling", she adds.

Ladies who are to attend the show are advised not to buy their new tea gowns until they see Clingie Vine's creation, which is sure to set the style for several years.

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About the only frills and furbelows now extant are those pantaloons effects on lamb chops and roast chicken legs.—Arkansas Gazette.

Ilmo—Frisco Railroad working on road bed between Commerce and the Cape.

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The Winchester Store

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**SEZ THE  
SIKESTONIAN**  
By I. C. SIKESTON

Gratitude is a wonderful thing but it is seldom shown. Gid Daniels operates what is known as the Hotel de Daniels in the basement of the City Hall. In other words bums and other persons who happen to be without funds are allowed to sleep there in preference to allowing them out on the streets at night. Wednesday night was an average night for business but one of the customers was rather ungrateful. Thursday morning he complained bitterly that the bed he had was soft enough.

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There is a rumor that all copies and records of "My Blue Heaven" are to be called in as Mollie now has another baby. Billy Malone suggests that the wording be changed to "Just Mollie and I and two more to cry".

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Later investigation shows that both horns were on the same car.

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We saw a Dodge sedan evidently intent upon paying Cousin Ed a visit Wednesday afternoon as it came clear over the curb and up to the door. You should have seen it Hopper.

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Siester doesn't necessarily need an air port to get some people up in the air.

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A great many persons in Siester learned this week that Hickman had electrocuted himself. If you do not know how he did it, ask a friend, but do not ask Dug as he thinks there was a raisin in the cookey.

**SIKESTON HAS NIGHT SCHOOL WHERE OLDER NEGROES MAY LEARN**

In addition to having a school for negro children which is above the average, Siester has also a night school for older negroes who wish to improve their educations. The school is held under the auspices of the Community Workmen's Association two nights each week.

An average of fifteen attend the classes each Tuesday and Thursday nights which are taught by Stella Smith, principal of the negro school. The total enrollment is more than twenty, but because of bad weather and because some of the negroes live at a distance, the average attendance is kept down.

The school was started about three months ago and fostered by the Association in an effort to afford older negroes a chance to get the fundamentals of education which have been denied them for one reason or another. The school building west of the Frisco tracks on No. 61, is used and the school officials of Siester have granted permission for the use of the building.

When the school opened, according to the teacher, many of those in attendance could neither read nor write. Now every attendant is able to read, write, add and do simple problems. Health habits, spelling and other subjects are also taught.

The average age of the students attending this novel school is around thirty-five and all of them show great interest in the work, the teacher said. There are more men than women in attendance, the records show and while the majority of those attending the school are from nearby places, some few come several miles to attend the school.

The expenses are met by a small weekly payment of not over twenty-five cents per person.

The Siester Negro School was established here in 1923, the year when many negroes were brought into this section to work in the cotton fields and was opened by Mrs. C. A. Curry, whose creed was, "Teach them morals and manners". She was succeeded by Stella Smith, the present principal, who was graduated from the St. Louis Summer High School. She has as her assistant her sister, Nola.

The school's two teachers have 112 students enrolled. Fifty-nine of them are in the first three grades and the other fifty-three are in from the fourth to the eighth grades. There are some pupils in each of the eight grades.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Bible School—9:45 a. m.  
Public Worship—11:00 a. m.  
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 7 p. m.  
Are you attending church? If not, you are cordially invited to attend our services. Everybody welcome.

Rev. Gamon of Jackson will preach at the morning service.

R. C. ROGERS, Pastor.

Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. Mollie Long, Mrs. John E. Marshall, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Cy Harris and Mrs. Frank Sikes drove to Charles-ton Tuesday afternoon and visited with Mrs. Lindsay Brown.

**SHOWER FOR  
MRS. TROUSDALE**

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingram entertained a number of young people at their home Wednesday evening, February 22, with surprise party and miscellaneous shower given in honor of Mrs. Harry Trousdale. The decorations and color motifs were in harmony with the occasion.

A large decorated umbrella adorned the center of the table and the delightfully surprised bride found many beautiful gifts heaped there.

The evening was spent in dancing and playing games and at a late hour refreshments consisting of cherry pie with whipped cream, coffee and cake, were served by the hosts. Miniature umbrellas were found upon each plate, souvenirs of the shower.

The list of guests and their gifts, follow:

Mrs. Graham Hydrick, linen towel; Mrs. Jim Gossett, embroidered dresser scarf; Mrs. Nellie Howard, emb. pillow cases; Thelma Nichols, salad bowl; Mrs. Colly and Mrs. Thelma Boardman, sherbert glasses; Mrs. Lon Swanner and Miss Beulah Swanner, linen tablecloth; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hopper, hand-painted pickle dish; Mrs. Lucy Shankle, aluminum double boiler; Mrs. Aubrey Shain, gravy boat; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Singleton, electric iron; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beal, aluminum percolator; Earl Singleton, electric floor lamp; Pearl Crutchfield, bath towel; Victoria Morris, bath towel; Pearl and Anna Ward, covered candy dish; Mrs. Lillian Reed, silver tablespoons; Mrs. Trousdale, linen tablecloth; Norene Ables and Mildred Watson, linen tablecloth and napkins; Mrs. T. A. Cunningham, bath towel and tea towels; Mrs. Ruby Boardman, aluminum pitcher; Myrtle Andres and Jessie Vaughn, electric toaster; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Peek, bed room picture; Mrs. A. L. Swaim, bath towel; Lorrell Johnson, rolling pin; "Doodle" Turner, sherbert glasses; Lucy Andres, emb. pillow cases; Mrs. Nannie Hayes, bath and pickle dish; Anna Ward, bath set; Julia Williams, salad bowl; Desiree Bridges, bath towels; Mrs. Trissa Vaughn and Dona Williams, linen tablecloth; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingram, aluminum roaster; Mrs. Emory Williams, aluminum frying pan; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McKinney, emb. pillow cases; Mrs. A. N. Green, salad bowl; Ozella Gossett, bud vase; Mrs. Archie Hayden, percolator; Mrs. Juanita Byrd, emb. buffet set; Mrs. Belen, bath towels; Frances Cummings, egg beater and measuring spoon; Montie and Dessie Hydrick, cream pitcher and sauce pan; Mrs. Heath linen tablecloth; Curiosity Box, Unknown.

**FARMERS WEEK TO CLOSE TODAY—MANY IN ATTENDANCE**

Farmers' Week at Cape Girardeau ends today (Friday) with a special program on dairying, which has been suggested as the stabilizing factor in Southeast Missouri.

The meeting has attracted farmers from the whole section. Twelve counties were represented at the Wednesday meeting, which was devoted to Horticulture. County Agent A. J. Renner of this county was in charge of the horticultural program.

Counseling farmers not to attempt the production of too many types of vegetables, J. T. Quinn, head of the horticultural department of the college of agriculture, suggested that one crop such as sweet potatoes, or any other found suitable, be made the predominant truck crop and the district be made able to advertise itself as "Southeast Missouri, where the finest sweet potatoes are grown". Quinn briefly mentioned the way New Jersey and a part of California have been made famous for their asparagus crops.

**H. S. BOYS TO CAPE MEET**

Members of the agriculture classes of Siester High School and H. F. Sherwood, instructor, spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau attending the Horticulture Day program of the Farmers' Week there.

**BOX SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT**

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a box to the box supper at Salcedo Friday night at 8:00. The supper will be held in the basement of Hinckley's Store.

Bring your money boys, and girls Bring your boxes more and more And meet with us tomorrow night At eight in Hinckley's Store!

The Highway Department basketball team lost to Portageville there Wednesday night 24-20 in a hotly contested game.

The following Siester folks were visitors to Cape Girardeau Tuesday: Mrs. Emma Kendall, Mrs. Wallace Applegate and son, Steve, Mrs. C. A. Cook and Mrs. C. E. Felker and son, John Russell.

**Local and Personal**

Mrs. Gene Potashnick was a visitor to Cape Girardeau, Monday.

A Boy Scout meeting was held at the Methodist church Thursday night.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Durbie of near Matthews, Sunday.

Mrs. L. T. Davey will enter the Emergency Hospital for treatment today (Friday).

C. F. Bruton and J. F. Cox drove to Osage County Wednesday, where they were on business.

The tonsils of little Jack Spivey were removed at the Emergency Hospital Wednesday morning.

The Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. C. E. Brenton Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Bowman, Mrs. J. F. Cox and Mrs. B. F. Blanton motored to Cape Girardeau Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tanner and Miss Myra Tanner were dinner guests at the Chas. S. Tanner home, Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Francis entertained the Wednesday Club and other guests at bridge at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Missouri Pacific crossing on Kingshighway was being repaired by the railroad company Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall of Blodgett, Mrs. Wm. Smith and Miss Kate Austin were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Tuesday in Cape Girardeau, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley.

A Community Bridge dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Pate Thursday evening. Bridge will be played at seven tables.

Billy Malone of Siester, accompanied by Cecil Reed of Benton went to St. Louis Wednesday, where Billy will see an eye specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lurton at Dexter Wednesday evening.

C. D. Matthews is in St. Louis, where he will undergo an operation at the St. Luke's Hospital this morning (Friday) for sinus trouble.

New Spring dresses and coats. Just received from New York. New styles, new colors—\$5.95, \$9.95, \$12.95, \$14.95, \$19.95.—The Peoples Store.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church will hold their meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Jas. Jas. Mocabe with Mrs. Whidden and Mrs. Mocabe as hostesses.

If there is no place else to go people will naturally come to church. You may say if that is why they come they just well stay at home or go some place else. I'll agree with you that that is not the right attitude to take, but have not a number of people wandered into church and been touched by the power of God and yielded themselves to Him. I never heard of anyone being brought to God in a movie.

If our little children are reared by attending the show every Sunday night when will they learn to respect God and the church? Our church of tomorrow depends upon our children of today. We surely cannot expect to have a church of tomorrow if our children are not trained. If we have no church, no religion, what will happen to our Nation? It will fall, it will soon be no better than the heathen nations of the world. Look for just a moment and see what made them fall. They forgot God. No nation can stand when they forget Him.

Come on you citizens who want to see our town what it should be and let's fight this sin until we conquer it.

I'm not a preacher, but I want to see this thing stopped so I would like for you to think over what I have said and I'm sure Mr. Blanton would give you space in his paper to say if you think so.

**REV. C. C. BARNHARDT ATTENDS ST. LOUIS MEET**

The Rev. C. C. Barnhardt returned Wednesday from St. Louis, where he has been attending one of the evangelical meetings of the Methodist Church. About 250 preachers attended the meeting which was held at the Centenary Church. Bishop B. W. McMurray presided and Bishop John W. Moore of Dallas delivered

the main address. The Model "J" was designed to take the place of the Model G, which for two years has outsold the next two makes of oil-burners, combined, and the local company is prepared to install the new Model.

"There were dealers present from numerous places in this section", said Mr. Davey, "and all of us were particularly interested in the demonstration of the new burner, which represents the very latest in burner design. It is 35 pounds lighter than the former model. Aluminum castings and special refinements throughout have simplified and improved it.

Even the owner of a Model G, which represents the evolution of oil-burner engineering over a period of ten years, will find many points of superiority in the Model "J". The changes extend even to the finish, which is a beautiful French blue enamel, made of the same material that enters into the finest "French Ivory" dressing table toilet sets.

"To give an idea of the way in which betterments have been made, one part in the old burner weighed 81 ounces. In the new it weighs 14 and is better in every way.

"Fittings in the Model "J" are accurate to one-thousandth of an inch. The observations by President C. U. Williams and Vice-President Walter W. Williams, designer of the burner, extending over a period of ten years, permitted the engineering of this new Model "J" as we have it on display now, and the immense size of the factory at Bloomington, Illinois, makes it possible to turn out the Model "J" on a scale never before attempted.

"Ten years have been spent proving the soundness of the four principles of oil combustion as they are followed in the William Oil-O-Matic and they are embodied more successfully than ever in this Model "J" than we are showing.

"It was fund and it was hard work, too, to take the course in the principles of oil burner installation and operation that we went through. We started at 8:15 a. m., and we were hard at it until 5 p. m., except for a short lunch period. I was especially interested in the ease of installation of this new burner, which makes it possible to place one during the coldest weather, as there is interruption

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of heat only for a few hours, during the change of fuel from coal to oil.

"The factory representatives gave us some impressive figures regarding the cheapness of the fuel oil which is used in the Williams Oil-O-Matic. It also is so plentiful that a full supply is insured for many years to come".

The U. D. C. will have a benefit picture show at the Malone Theatre on Wednesday evening, March 7. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hill of Charles-ton and Mr. and Mrs. Fleming of St. Louis were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Wiley Wilkerson went to St. Louis Thursday to be with her husband, who will undergo an operation Friday at the Missouri Baptist Sanatorium.

Mrs. Grace Malone returned from Cairo Tuesday. We are glad to report that she is recovering rapidly from a major operation which she underwent about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Ben Brandon of near Salcedo,

underwent major operation at the Emergency Hospital Thursday morning.

The Missionary Circle of the Methodist church will hold an all day meeting at the church Wednesday, March 7.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual apron and bonnet sale in the basement of the church Thursday, March 15.

Miss Isabelle Hess and Miss Marcella Shaw will be hostesses to the D. R. R. Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Hess on Park Avenue.

Harold Ray, Jr., the 7-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray, who died Tuesday of bronchial pneumonia at his home here, was buried in Memorial Park Wednesday afternoon.

Constable B. H. Simms, who was seriously shot by a negro near here February 10 will return to his home at Canalou this morning (Friday). He said before leaving that he felt fine and thought the trip would not bother him at all.

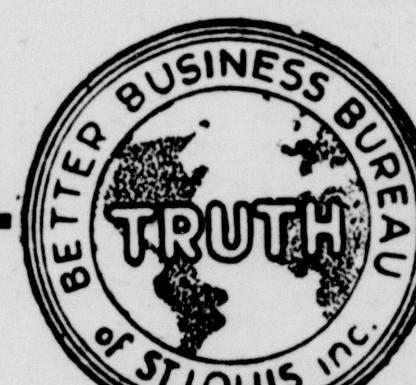
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**SEARCH CONTINUED  
FOR QULIN ROBBERS**

Sheriffs, constables and police officers of all kinds continued their search late Thursday for the two men and their driver who held up the Bank of Qulin Wednesday and escaped with \$3000 in bills. The chase has extended over four counties of Southeast Missouri.

The big red Buick coupe in which the robbers made their escape was found abandoned west of Morley Wednesday, but no trace of the man has been found. A quantity of ammunition was found in the car which was badly battered and which had bullet holes in it from the guns of posse along the robbers' route.

The car was reported to have been taken to Benton Thursday by Sheriff Dye. Officers have exchanged shots with the bandits at several places. Sheriff Ray McCowan of Butler County and his posse were in shooting distance of the fast fleeing car late Wednesday, when the sheriff's car went into the ditch on a curve. Officers at Bloomfield fired on the car, but failed to barricade the road, so the robbers escaped.

The car used in the robbery answers the description of the car which was seen here last Thursday night before the Frisco station robbery and it is thought that the same men may have been in both. It is thought that the leader of the bandits has been identified.

Local officers were working Thursday afternoon on a clue which is thought to be important. A meeting of the officers was held and plan discussed for action.

The Bank of Qulin was robbed January 6 and the robbers caught at Poplar Bluff. They are now doing time at Jefferson City.

**NEW MADRID  
BANKS MERGE**

New Madrid, February 28.—The Peoples Bank of Parma, at Parma, in became known Monday. Total resources for the consolidated institution will be about \$250,000.

Two other state banks were involved in a consolidation it was announced from the State finance department in Jefferson City. They are the Bank of Monticello, at Monticello, in Lewis county and the Monticello Trust Co., in Monticello. Total resources for the new institution will be \$350,000. The mergers Monday make 12 State bank mergers this year.

**COW RAISING MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT MINER**

A meeting of farmers with a view of organizing a Cow Club was to be held at the Community Building at Miner Switch at 7:30 Thursday night. The meeting was to discuss with the farmers the possibilities of town money financing the raising of cows, the number each man should have in relation to the size of his pasture land, the markets, etc. Lyle Malone, president of the Chamber of Commerce; E. F. Schorle, Frank Van Horne and G. B. Greer planned to attend the meeting.

The movement was sponsored and started by the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce. Local banks will finance the deals.

**ESCAPED INMATE RETURNED**

Arthur Allen, 18, was returned to the reformatory at Booneville Tuesday morning by a parole officer from the institution. Allen had gone to St. Louis to visit his mother who was ill last October and did not return to the school, the officer said. Allen was being held here charged with forging Rube Greer's name to three checks Saturday night. He was also alleged to have been with Harry McGee when the pair were thought to have driven off in Mrs. Gord Dill's car two weeks ago. The local charges were dropped so the officer could return with his man.

**TO REDECORATE MARSHALL**

Work on completely re-decorating the Hotel Marshall will be started at once. Besides the redecorating, repairs will be made and a general conditioning of the building will be made. There will be no change in the service while the work is going on, according to announcement made Thursday.

E. L. Griffin of Charleston visited friends in Sikeston Friday evening.

**DEMOCRATIC SESSION  
CLOSES IN HARMONY**

(By the Associated Press)

St. Joseph, February 29.—The 4,000 odd Democrats who were here yesterday for the Democratic State Convention, at which harmony ruled and Senator James A. Reed was strongly endorsed for the Democratic presidential nomination, were on their way to homes in all sections of the State.

Unusual and in marked contrast with the last two previous Democratic State meetings, the big meeting in convention hall here was devoid of any squabbles and saw Senator Reed triumphantly returned as the leader of his party in the State and its choice for the Democratic presidential candidate. It was the latest development in the senior Missouri senator's comeback from ostracism by his State party to the chieftainship of that party now.

The convention was swift, smooth and Reed throughout. The Reed slate for the eight delegate-at-large went through as scheduled, the Reed candidate for national committee woman was elected without any spirited fight. A State platform consisting almost exclusively of Reed pronouncements on national issues was adopted, and good-naturedness and complete following of the leadership of the leaders were the features of the convention.

Senator Reed himself was not here to take part, being busy campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination on the west coast, but sent a telegram which resulted in the naming of 16 additional delegates to the national convention in Houston in June. The telegram requested that the 14 Democratic congressmen from Missouri be named as delegates to the convention, together with four other persons to represent the districts from which there are Republican congressmen, and this was voted.

While the additional delegates will not change the Missouri vote of 36 in the national convention, they will swell the State delegation and give the Reed forces a larger body on the floor of the national convention to work for the senator's nomination.

The district delegates, with four from nine districts, with half a vote each, number 50 in all, while there are eight delegates-at-large, and the 16 new delegates from each of the congressional districts, making a total of 74 in all. Some doubt was expressed that all of the delegation would be seated on the floor in the national convention in Houston in June, but party leaders were confident it would be arranged.

The "big eight" from Missouri, elected by the convention as approved on the Reed slate, are Edward J. White, St. Louis; Missouri Pacific Railroad official; Col. Bennett C. C. Clark, St. Louis; Charles M. Howell of Kansas City, head of the reciprocal insurance interests; Dr. Arthur W. Nelson of Bunceton, Democratic nominee for governor four years ago; Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner, wife of the former governor; Mrs. Thelma R. Campbell of Kirksville; Mrs. R. J. Curdy of Kansas City, and Mrs. G. A. Richart of Blackburn, Saline County.

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Prefaced with the statement that "as we are about to enter upon a great national campaign, we adopt as our declaration of principles the ringing words of Senator Reed", the

platform declarations of the senator against corruption in government, national centralization of government, laws creating special privileges and advocating a plea for unrestricted personal rights, adherence to the Monroe Doctrine and avoidance of foreign entanglements, and honest elections.

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Following the keynote address, his qualifications for the presidency, Stephen B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau

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## BALCONY RESERVED FOR GAMES HERE

Reserved seats for the double-head basketball game here tonight (Friday) between Poplar Bluff teams and Sikeston teams may be bought at The Bijou at no advance in prices. Both boys and girls teams are ready for the Bluff teams and some fast action may be expected in tonight's games.

Teams in the girls' tournament to be held here March 9 and 10 were announced in the last issue. Season tickets will be sold for the two days which will include a reserved seat for the night sessions. The balcony is to be reserved for both nights.

The boys' team will leave here Thursday of next week for the annual Southeast Missouri Tournament at Cape Girardeau. Some of the strongest teams in the State will be found at the Cape meet.

deau, mentioned some months ago as a probable Democratic candidate for governor, was elected permanent chairman of the convention.

Delegates from the 14th congressional district of Missouri to the Democratic national convention and the presidential electors elected are:

Fourteenth: Delegates, Harry E. Alexander, Cape Girardeau; R. S. Hogan, West Plains; alternates, Mrs. Harve Gray of Blairstown, and Mrs. Robertson, Ozark. Elector: Everett Reeves, Caruthersville.

The convention proper got underway at noon. It was called to order in the city auditorium by Samuel Fordyce of St. Louis, chairman of the Democratic State committee, and a manager of Senator Reed's political campaign, and then former Gov. Gardner, as temporary chairman, delivered the keynote address.

It was a speech for Senator Reed from the start, replete with praise

for the senior senator and describing his place in the nation's affairs and his qualifications for the presidency.

The only fight, or near fight that

## CANTWELL BOY IS KILLED BY TRUCK

Shelton E. Richardson, six-year-old son of George Richardson, of Cantwell, was instantly killed there on Highway 61 Monday about noon, when he was run over while trying to hop on a truck driven by W. C. (Dick) Andrews of Sikeston. John Litchford, also of Sikeston, was riding with Andrews at the time of the accident. The truck belonged to W. L. Righter and was loaded with furniture which was being brought from St. Louis to Sikeston for A. C. Bommer.

Andrews was coming south down the highway when he noticed a group of children ahead. He blew his horn and continued to blow it, and stopped the truck. When he started again, he saw that young Richardson was between the front and rear wheels after he had missed the front step. In an effort to miss the child, Andrews swerved his truck to the extreme left side of the road, but it was too late. The right rear wheel of the truck, a two-ton Graham, passed over the child's head. The truck was overturned in the ditch on the left side of the road. The furniture was badly damaged and was brought on to Sikeston Tuesday.

The coroner's inquest exonerated Andrews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday.

## WOMAN'S CLUB WILL ENTER-TAIN WITH ST. PATRICK TEA

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. F. Bruton Tuesday afternoon with a fine membership present and several visitors.

The Club opened the meeting by singing "America the Beautiful" and repeating the Club Collect in unison.

The business of the afternoon was to complete the plans for a St. Patrick musical tea to be given at the home of Mrs. Moore Greer on Saturday afternoon, March 17, to which all the friends of the Woman's Club and the different organizations are cordially invited, also all of the Clubs in this district are to be invited and it is to be one of the outstanding musical affairs of the season.

Mrs. C. L. Malone was program leader for the afternoon and presided in a very able manner.

Capt. E. T. Wheatley gave a very instructive and interesting talk on the flag and the proper display of the flag on every occasion for which the Club gave the Captain a rising vote of thanks.

Miss Lillian Shields sang in her usual pleasing manner, a lovely song, "The Thought of You", composed by our talented Club member, Mrs. M. Beck. Miss Helen Welsh accompanied her at the piano.

Emily Blanton gave a reading in costume, "Made Over Manners", which was thoroughly enjoyed, after which the Club, under the direction of Chairman of Music Mrs. L. Conatzer, sang the National Anthem with Mrs. Welsh at the piano.

The Club then adjourned for a social hour, when the hostess served tea and delicious cake.

## PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG 61 ARE URGED TO SIGN

Ninety per cent of the property owners between here and the Cotton Belt Railroad south on the new Highway 61 have signed deeds for the right-of-way through their property. If the others are signed up within the next few days, the contract for the concrete work can be let at the March letting and the work can be finished by winter. From the Cotton Belt south to New Madrid is being handled by the New Madrid Right-of-way Committee.

It is hoped that no property owner intends to retard the paving of this strip by refusing to sign the deeds as such action would only mean that condemnation proceedings would have to be carried out at a great expense, both to the State and to the individual raising the complaint. Property owners who are affected in the matter are urged to attend to the signing of the deeds at once so that the contract may be let this month.

Receipts for the first month of this year were greater than last. Deposits for the month of February totalled \$25,782.14. The total up to March 1 last year was \$22,919.16. Eighty-five plates were sold Thursday morning.

## GROWERS MEET AT MOREHOUSE

A second meeting of the truck growers in the Morehouse district has been called for tonight (Friday) at the City Hall. The committee which was appointed at the last meeting met again Tuesday afternoon and will give a report and make suggestions at the meeting of the farmers tonight. A large delegation is expected at the Friday night meeting.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles White Saturday.

## NEGRO SHOT SUNDAY DIES-INQUEST HELD

Police have been searching since early Sunday morning for George Harris, who shot and fatally wounded Willie Anderson at a cabin near Frisco station at that time. Anderson died about 7:00 o'clock Wednesday morning of peritonitis from a gunshot wound in the left side. Both men are local negroes. It was first claimed that Harris was a Chicago negro but he was later proven to be a stepson of Rev. Gilbert Harris, who has often gone by the name of his step-father.

A coroner's jury composed of Bill Sensenbaugh, O. J. Brown, Richard Hopper, Vogel Kirby, W. M. Keller and Sgt. Mack Jackson, adjourned Wednesday afternoon subject to the call of Coroner H. J. Welsh after viewing the body and the scene of the crime. The only witness, a woman who was present at the shooting and who is supposed to be the wife of Harris, could not be found Wednesday for the inquest.

The woman surrendered to Constable Brown Jewell Thursday afternoon and talked freely of the shooting. She said that she was not the wife of Harris, but that she had nursed him through a sick spell and that he was staying at her home. She further said that the two men had words and that Anderson had threatened Harris' life and had gone to bed Saturday night with an ax on his side of the bed.

Anderson was shot three times through the right nostril, in the left shoulder and in the left side. He was the son of Ed and Emma Anderson. Burial was in the negro cemetery in Sunset Addition, Thursday.

## 300 UNSOLICITED ON SUN. MOVIE PETITION

Petitions favoring Sunday movies for Sikeston have been in public places over town since the latter part of last week and with no soliciting other than "at the polls work" nearly 300 names were signed on them Thursday morning. Counter petitions were circulated in the local churches Sunday and some 150 names were obtained.

The petition favoring Sunday movies reads: "To the Honorable Mayor and City Council: We the undersigned residents of the City of Sikeston hereby petition your honorable body to repeal the ordinance of the City of Sikeston prohibiting Sunday picture shows."

"If you do not feel that you should do this by action of the Council, we respectfully petition you to submit the matter to a vote of the people in the coming election".

These petitions were left in local stores and were open to public view. Petitions may be circulated and names solicited later which in the opinion of many should give a representative feeling of the public.

## S. N. SHEPHERD COLLECTS \$25,782.14 AUTO FEES IN FEB.

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## CONVENTION NOTES

The Standard editor was present at the St. Joe Convention to look and listen, saw and was shown.

The Scott County delegation consisted of H. C. Blanton, County Chairman, Mrs. Richardson of Chaffee, Editor Purcell of Illinois, Ray B. Lucas of Benton, and C. L. Blanton of Sikeston. The Chairman was authorized to cast the 16 votes on questions arising.

The skids were greased and the Reed slate put over from top to bottom. The only sand thrown on the ways was when the country delegations protested St. Louis and Kansas City taking the delegates and officers when the country was expected to furnish the votes in November. The protest was mild and unavailing. The country shall expect the cities to furnish the campaign finances.

The Robidoux Hotel was headquarters for the "militant democracy" and many who were quartered there are certain the name should be changed "Robenmow" as that is what they did. Some refused to pay the charge and left for home with the hotel unsatisfied. The Standard editor, looking prosperous with a new Christmas necktie, was assessed \$16 for a room with one bed for one night. This was our campaign contribution for the Reed ticket. Yes, the room was without!

We didn't think it possible that so many "battleaxes" could be mustered for one occasion. Here and there was one fair to behold, but they were in a hopeless minority.

The styles and shades in hosiery was about the same as in Southeast Missouri. Light pink and light blue were the predominating colors in bloomers, we observed. The grandma who sat in the front row on the speakers stand wore light grey with the band below the knee. The delegates who sat below were disgusted because a flapper was not given that vantage place, especially Charlie Liles.

The men folks of the Scott County delegation wish to thank Judge Leedy and daughter, Miss Polly, for courtesies extended in bringing them from St. Joe to Kansas City. The editor and Harry appreciated meeting the family of Judge Leedy in Kansas City and he may well be proud of this family of sons and daughters.

All three candidates for Governor were present and the wives of Mr. Lee and Mr. Wilson were with them. Mrs. Lee is going to prove a wonder-

ful help to her husband in this campaign as she is friendly, mighty good looking and has three small children to look after. Judge Sam Pikey and Judge Lafont of New Madrid County heartily endorse these sentiments.

Our old friend Con Roach was there looking almost hundred, but as strong in his democratic faith as ever.

Senator Hawes and Mrs. Hawes were present and just as pleasant as when seeking votes for the Senator. These are the sort of folks to place in such positions as they never look an acquaintance. This is what made him carry a Republican District in St. Louis for Congress. Long may they live.

St. Joe is not entitled to further consideration as a convention city until the hotel people get within reason on their charges. The Chamber of Commerce and city officials of all convention cities owe it to the public to see they are not held up by extortionate rates.

Joe Hunter Allen, who married a Sikeston girl, was especially cordial to visitors from every section. We regretted being unable to accept of his hospitality while there.

Tom Dodge, of the Milan Standard, was made elector-at-large. This was given him as sop when he got out of the way of the log wagon. The country press is the only vehicle to spread Democratic gospel and it took force to have one of the many given a crumb.

These top signs and turning buttons in the business district have just received a new coat of bright red and white paint and should not be hard to see now. Also the parking lanes have been repainted which should aid many in getting parked correctly.

The death of 6-year-old George Richardson at Cantwell Monday, brings up another side of the highway death problem. The careless and fast driver has been flayed many times and is deserving of such flaying, but in this case every precaution was taken by the driver of the truck which killed the lad. It was a case of which was unavoidable on the driver's part. A good policy is to caution children and recaution them about crossing highways and hopping rides, but the best idea is to see them safely across highways where that is humanly possible.

Gentry—Oil test wells will be drilled between this place and Siloam Springs.

Anyhow, and at the very worst, Senator Willis is our great commonwealth's favorite son pro tem.—Ohio State Journal.

New Spring dresses and coats. Just received from New York. New styles, new colors—\$5.95, \$9.95, \$12.95, \$14.95, \$19.95.—The Peoples Store.

One of the interesting speculations in connection with the automobile outlook for the year is what impressive new words they will be able to think of that means second-hand.—Ohio State Journal.

When Lindy has brought peace and good-will into our relations with all our neighbors, possibly we can arrange for him to make a little visit to the foreign relations committee.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil



JOS. W. MYERS  
Courtesy Post-Dispatch

J. W. MYERS ANNOUNCES  
FOR POLICE JUDGE—IS  
PIONEER AGRICULTURIST

Judge Joseph W. Myers, now a Justice of the Peace, who for many years was a member of the Scott County Court, has announced his candidacy for Police Judge of Sikeston. Judge Myers is perhaps one of the best known men in this section. Besides being known in political circles in a small way, the Judge has been known for years as an agriculturist and animal husbandryman. In fact, the Judge is one of the pioneers in advanced agriculture in Southeast Missouri. He was the first man in this section to raise pedigree corn and in introducing it into this section he tells an interesting story of how he was nearly judged insane when he was seen de-tasseling corn in the raising of his corn.

He had attended a meeting of Columbia Judges in Columbia during 1902 and while there became interested in the Missouri Corn Growers' Association and its work. He became a member of the Association and was an active breeder of corn up to and including 1926.

Returning to his farm near Sikeston, the Judge set about to raise his corn in the prescribed manner. "I was confronted with many embarrassing difficulties", the Judge smiled. "One day a neighbor appeared upon the scene at a time I was de-tasseling my female plants which were planted in rows, (we called them female rows because they were de-tasseled). The other rows were of plants retaining the tassel and were called the male rows. The pollen from the male row fertilized the others, hence was bred to the male row. My rule was to leave each fifth row for a male or breeding row.

"This particular day, the neighbor happened along unexpected, and found me de-tasseling my female rows, and of course, asked the reason. I explained it to him the best I could, whereupon he went away and told others of my neighbors confidentially that I was losing my mind and told them why. Later on more of my friends found what I was doing and I tell you I had to do quite a lot of explaining to keep them from wanting to adjudge me insane".

The Judge was also the first man in Scott County to own a manure spreader. He had attended the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904 where he bought the machine. When it appeared on the streets of Sikeston, the people watched it like a circus parade, the Judge said. Later on the farmers became convinced that it was a good thing and of course manure spreaders are now common.

In introducing the first five-gaited saddle horse into this section, the Judge gave the third shock. He had paid \$850 for the animal. The odd thing about this deal was that in buying the horse, the Judge had offered \$100 a year for each year of the horse's life and he was eight and a half years old. Saddle horses also became well known in this section later on.

Fine Scotch collie dogs and a show class of chickens were also bred by the Judge at one time, but his chief love was for horses overshadowed his interest for dogs and chickens and he did not go into the dog and chicken business very heavy.

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## THE SIKESTON STANDARD

## PROCLAIMS AMERICAN FOREST WEEK APRIL 22-28

President Coolidge has officially designated the week of April 22-28 for nation-wide observance of the annual "American Forest Week" in a proclamation announced today by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The President set apart the week, he said, "for public discussion of our forests and of what must be done to safeguard and restore them". He emphasized particularly the need for suppressing the forest fire evil, and pointed out the benefits to agriculture, industry, commerce and national life that will result from making the forest lands of the United States fully productive of continuous timber crops.

"The rehabilitation of our forests demands first of all that the forest fire evil be suppressed", the President declared. "Many of the forested States, with the co-operation of timberland owners, have undertaken organized protection against forest fires; and in recent years, under the Clarke-McNary law, the Federal Government has given its support to the movement. This great co-operative enterprise must be extended and strengthened until every forested county in the United States is safeguarded against forest fires.

"But we are still far from the goal of complete protection. Every year, on the average, 80,000 fires scourge our woodlands, steadily undermining their vitality. For this bad situation, the blame falls equally on us all. Public agencies rarely provide adequate protection against fire, the timberland owner is too often indifferent to his property, the forest worker is too often neglectful of the future forest, the average citizen is too often careless with fire in the woods. We must all gain such respect for the forest that its destruction through indifference or carelessness shall be unthinkable."

"We cannot permanently abuse our forests with impunity. The soil is the ultimate source of all our wealth and of life itself. One-fourth of our American soil is best suited for forests. Much of this land is already idle. More of it is being made idle by destructive logging and fire. Yet we cannot safely permit our forest land to lie fallow and useless any more than we can permit our farms and factories to lie idle.

"To make our vast empire of forest land fully productive of continuous crops of timber will have momentous consequences in our national life. It will give agriculture the advantage of a new and valuable crop. It will afford permanent employment to millions of men in the forest industries. It will provide raw materials for many industries. It will furnish traffic for our railroads. It will maintain foreign and domestic commerce. It will restore our forests as conservers of soil and water, and as givers of health and pleasure to our people.

"We already have made a beginning in forest renewal; but the task is stupendous, and we should permit no satisfaction over what has been done to blind us to the magnitude of what remains to be done".

This year will mark the eighth annual observance of American Forest Week. President Harding in 1921 having issued the first proclamation which brought the Federal Government behind the movement. The Week this year, as it has for the past two years, will assume an international scope through the fact that Canada will observe its "Save the Forests" Week at the same time.

The Week in the United States will be directed by an American Forest Week Committee, of which Theodore Roosevelt of New York is chairman. A large number of organizations, representing a wide variety of interests, are co-operating, among them associations representing outdoor, wild life, and recreational interests, foresters and forestry associations, the lumber industry, consumers of forest products, labor, scientific, civic, agricultural, press, cultural and women's organizations, as well as the State and Federal Governments. Local Forest Committees are being organized in every State.

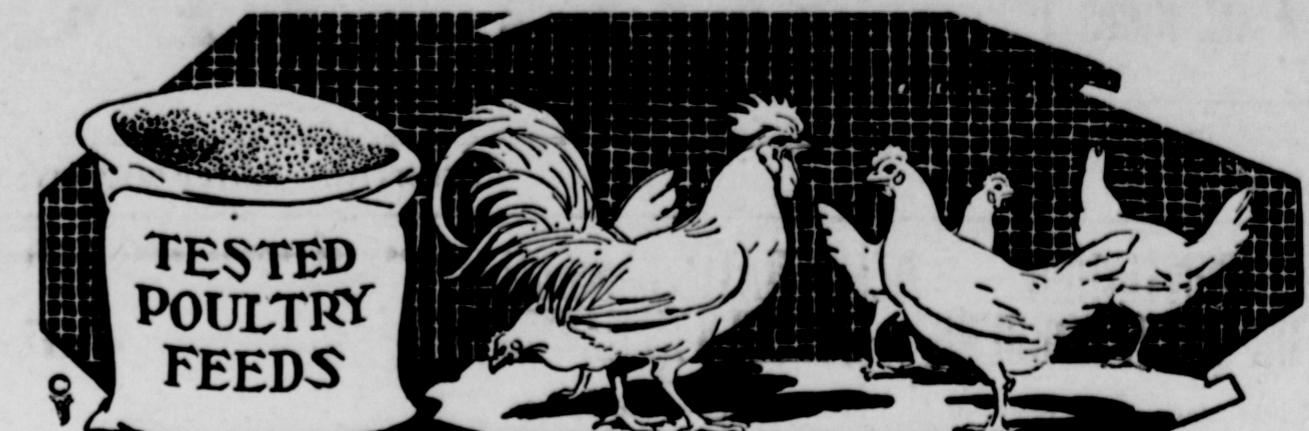
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## THE FARMER

Men, doff your hats, a hero passes by

Who battled with the elements of earth and sky  
And rising e're the sun was on his way

Tilling, sewing, reaping from dawn till close of day.

And now, 'tis sad, gone are his fields and home

From these to newer lands he needs must roam.

From old familiar haunts he must depart

To gain in other fields a newer start.

But look, such strength, firm step with head held high  
Nothing less of courage nor spirit broken

He sallies forth with faith to do or die

Of stuff which men are made, a hero's token.

May God be praised for men with strength like this

Though gone a house and lan remember bliss  
Is found just anywhere there's tenderness to give

And take, home is anywhere we serve or Jesus sake.

—Minnie Sayers Smith.

## Smile and the World Smile With You

A truer statement was never made. Test it out for yourself. When you get up in the morning, get up with a smile, meet your family and your friends with a smile—see what a big improvement it makes in your day.

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Smile at Neighbor Jones and he will smile at you.

Smile tend toward happiness in the home and in the community. It carries with it own reward—a knowledge that each day we are doing our share toward making this a better and happier place in which to live.

Smiles make little troubles out of big ones, and little troubles disappear entirely when met with a smile.

Let's make this a town of miles and miles of smiles.

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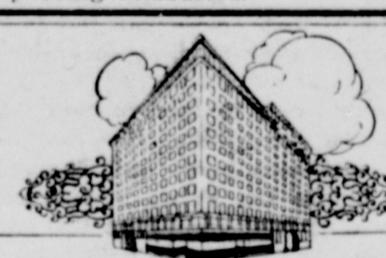
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**STATE PLANS TO  
BUILD 478 MILES  
OF NEW HIGHWAYS**

Details of 478 miles of proposed new roads in Missouri, in addition to the present designated 7640-mile system, were announced as a tentative plan by the State Highway Commission recently. Included are 27 miles out-state, 129 miles to relieve congestion in the vicinity of St. Louis, has explained in full in the Post-Dispatch, and 67 miles for similar relief around Kansas City.

Chief Engineer Cutler of the commission said it was proposed to build these roads and to complete the 7640-mile system by 1933, if a projected new bond issue is successful. Furthermore, the commission contemplates creating a supplementary system of State-wide farm-to-market secondary roads by 1933, with the bond money.

Concrete will be used for some of the new out-state roads in the 276-mile, 1933 program, and gravel for the rest. Included are roads to nine of the 12 State parks. The tentative plan includes the following projects:

From Gower, Buchanan County, north to Federal highway No. 36, the Ocean-to-Ocean route, as a cutoff from State highway No. 1.

From Liberty west to Federal highway No. 71.

From Harrisonville to Clinton, opening a large section of country in Cass and Henry counties.

From Lebanon to Buffalo, by way of Bennett Spring State Park, providing a short cut from St. Louis to Fort Scott, Kansas.

Extension of State Highway No. 39 south all the way across Lawrence County to connect with State Highway No. 16.

From Fidelity Corner, Jasper County, through Newton County, to connect State Highways Nos. 38 and 16.

Cutoff at Marionville between State highways Nos. 43 and 16.

Cutoff from State Highway No. 43 at Reed's Spring to Federal highway No. 65, an important link in making the Shepherd of the Hills country accessible.

Cutoff to Federal highway No. 60, south of Springfield.

Extension of State highway No. 43 from Siloam Springs east across Howell County to a point on Federal highway No. 63 north of West Plains.

Cutoff between Roll and Salem, greatly increasing accessibility of a favorite Ozark section.

New road across Shannon County from Eminence to Summersville, by way of Alley Spring State Park, connecting State highway Nos. 19 and 17.

Extension of State highway No. 51A from Puxico across Stoddard County to Federal highway No. 60 to a point east of Poplar Bluff.

Connection between Advance, on State highway No. 25, running southwest to No. 51A.

New road from House Springs to De Soto, by way of Hillsboro and Victoria.

Cutoff between Stoutsburg, Mon-

roe County, on State highway No. 24, by way of Mark Twain State Park Cutoff in Marion County between Federal highways Nos. 61 and 36, northwest of Hannibal.

Connection between Federal highway No. 61 at Taylo and West Quincy, to connect the Missouri and Illinois systems.

The following important spurs to seven State parks: Range to Montauk Park, Sligo to Indian Trail Park, Van Buren to Big Spring Park, Ellington to Doe Run Park, Sullivan to Francois County Park, Patterson to S. A. Baker Park.—Post-Dispatch.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

No greater love hath any man than this.

That he lay down his life for fel-lows need.

Holy love, perfect sacrifice, what bliss.

Celestial fires consume each thought and deed.

Then let us render unto him his own.

Hoist the honors high for all to see.

Give unto him all reverence to atone.

Princeley martyrdom, ever honored be.

—Minnie Sayers Smith

Gower—Two cars walnut logs shipped from here on recent day to Eastern market.

Lecture on Christian Science by John W. Dooley, C. S. B. of London, England, will be radio cast over station WHB, Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 3:30 under the auspices of Seven churches of Christ Scientists, Kansas City.

If there's not a screw loose with the Rev. John Fugei, Catholic priest of Vienna, Mo., then he is not the man that should be a priest, judging by the good men whom we have known as priests and this without exception. And if there is, then proper allowance should be made for him. If Archbishop Glennon would transfer him from the State, every newspaper man, we believe, without regard to party lines, would certainly herald it with genuine pleasure.—Charleston Times.

The States have been obtaining excellent results in enforcing their game laws by using information furnished them by United States game wardens, who are under the direction of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Since July 1, 1927, there have been more than 250 convictions in State courts as a result of discovery by Federal wardens of violations of State game laws. The fines and costs assessed totaled \$10,675.25, and in four cases jail sentences involving 15, 30, 60, and 90 days were imposed.

A case against a local concern in the State of Washington involving illegal traffic in beaverskins resulted in a fine of \$1500 and costs of \$12.50. The information on which this State case was originally based was obtained by a Federal game warden in the examination of consignee records at St. Louis.

**CONGRESS HALF OVER AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS SOLVED**

Washington.—Although at the half way mark of its first session, the seventieth congress has yet to dispose of any one of the eight major problems which face it when it met on December 6.

Material progress has been made in the drafting of bills as solutions of some of the problems, but it now is regarded as inevitable that several must be left for the congress to be elected next November, as it will scarcely be possible to get through highly controversial legislation at the short session to begin next December.

Flood relief, probably the most important of all the pending questions, still is in the formative stage, but leaders in both houses are determined to put through a bill so as to make improbable a repetition of the 1927 disaster in the Mississippi Valley states.

The house committee has formulated a bill calling for federal payment of all of the expenses, but this bill as a whole runs counter to the administration view and Chairman Reed will begin as early of conferences this week in an effort to reach an agreement satisfactory to all.

Farm relief, which has agitated congress, for years, likewise is to be pressed at this session, with the fight again centering around the equalization fee of the original McNary-Haugen bill. The senate committee has reported such a bill and a similar effort will be made in the house committee beginning March 5.

Tax revision still is buried in the senate finance committee. A bitter controversy is being waged over the naval building program. An agreement between the interested states on Boulder Canyon Dam legislation seems to be almost as far away as ever.

The senate has acted on the merchant marine problem by passing a bill providing for continued government ownership of the fleet, but the house committee proposes to draft a measure providing for private operation and the two houses will have to fight out that battle if there is to be any legislation at this session.

Railroad consolidation is another subject which is likely to go over to the seventy-first congress. The senate committee still is holding spasmodic hearings on this question. The house committee has concluded its hearings and expects to report a bill next month.

Both houses are expected to approve this week the alien property return bill.

Committees at both ends of the capitol will be busy, with the senate interstate commerce committee receiving a report from its subcommittee which investigated conditions in the Pennsylvania bituminous district where there has been a stoppage of work, and the Teapot Dome committee resuming its inquiry into the profits of the Continental Trading Company of Canada.

**GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS SPAWNING LAW**

The State Game and Fish Department invites inquiries concerning the new closed season spawning law of game fish. The spawning season for bass, jack salmon, crappie and goggle-eye begins at 12:01 a. m. March 2 and ends at midnight May 29th and it seems that in a greater or less number of instances people do not understand the necessity which brought about the passage of this law by the last general assembly.

The spawning period for fish varies according to the location of the territory involved, and is later in northern altitudes and earlier in the south. Missouri's designated spawning season for the various species of game fish, as set forth in the new law, were arrived at only after the most exhaustive and painstaking investigation and is based upon the experiences and findings of the greatest authorities of fish culture in the United States. For Missouri, these authorities set the spawning season for bass, crappie, jack salmon and goggle-eye as from March 1 to May 30; for trout from November 1 to May 30 and for channel cat from June 10 to July 10.

It should be noted that the dates above specified as governing the closed season are none of them inclusive. The closed season on bass, goggle-eye, jack salmon and crappie begins at 12:01 a. m. March 2 and continues until midnight May 29. The closed season on channel cat begins at 12:01 o'clock a. m. June 11 and ends at midnight July 9. The closed season on trout (except in state parks) begins at 12:01 a. m. November 2 and ends at midnight May 29.

With reference to the reasonableness of this law, the Department takes the position that no true sportsman would butcher a doe when fawning, or kill a turkey hen when with a flock of young turkeys a few days old, nor shoot a quail, when on the nest. Fishermen are reminded that while they cannot see the bass guarding the nest from the enemies of its spawn, the spawn is there just the same and the status of the father and mother fish, who seem to take turns in guarding the nest from destruction, is exactly on the same basis as is that of game which can be seen on land. It is performing the same beautiful service to its coming progeny and should be protected and its rights respected, and furthermore those rights will be respected and the fish must be protected if we expect to have a continuation of profitable fishing. If spawn are not protected until the hatch, there will be no fish to take the place of the fish caught, for at best, not over one-half of one percent of the hatch ever lives to adult size, and experiments made by the Federal Department of Fisheries show less than 23-100th of one percent of the fry ever become adults. At best, we cannot look for a great increase in fish without artificial production under much improved conditions, and those improved conditions involve the retention at hatcheries of the fry until large enough to battle for themselves. Considering this new and admirable policy, sportsmen should give all possible encouragement to every attempt made to protect the fish already in our streams, especially during their spawning season.

The State Game and Fish Department takes the position that few if any sportsmen and fishermen will be found unsympathetic with the law when once they understand fully its necessity and the natural law of reproduction of species as applied to fish.

**PLAN STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR \$75,000,000 BONDS**

St. Louis, February 28.—The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Bond Issue Committee will meet at the American Hotel at 11 a. m. Saturday to discuss a statewide campaign to obtain passage of the proposed \$75,000,000 road bond issue.

Lloyd Stark, vice president of Stark Brothers Nurseries of Louisiana, Mo., is chairman of the committee. He has appointed Harold M. Bixby, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to his committee. Bixby, who accompanied Col. Lindbergh to Detroit and New York, indicated in a telegram that he would accept.

The \$75,000,000 bond issue is expected to be adequate for completion of the primary and secondary road system of the State in five years. Under the pay-as-you-go plan, it has been estimated, the system would take 12 or 13 years to complete.

Vandalia—J. C. Penney Company to establish store in this place.

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**GREEN SAYS CONGRESS CAN GIVE JOBS TO ALL**

Chicago, Ill., February 24.—Congress can solve the unemployment problem by passing four pieces of legislation, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said here today before departing for Washington.

The four measures outlined by him are:

Passage of the flood relief bills; a reasonable naval building program; army housing measures, and the supplementary government building program.

"Those things", Green said, "if enacted by Congress, would absorb all of the skilled labor now out of employment and take up the majority of unskilled labor now loafing in industrial centers".

The employment problem, the union leader declared, was becoming a menace and must be done away with shortly. He estimated that 5,000,000 men now were unemployed.

Mr. Jones of the Faris-Jones Company pointed to Duco as a typical example. Duco has become well known during the last few years as a finish on automobiles, furniture and many other articles. Some people regard Duco as a general term for this type of finish. This is incorrect. Duco is a specific product made only by the du Pont Company.

Duco is now available for brush application by the home owner or the automobile owner. It is very easy to use, dries quickly and produces a smooth, hard, long-wearing surface which accounts for its rapid increase in popularity during the short time it has been on the market. Mr. Jones said that his past year's business on Duco has been very satisfactory, in fact, Duco has brought many people into the store and interested many in painting who have never used a paint brush before.

Gower—Baptists of this place to erect new church building.

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of Cape Girardeau

For Sheriff

GEORGE C. BEAN

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For Treasurer

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## CITY OFFICERS

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W. ED HOLLINGSWORTH

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JOS. W. MYERS

W. S. SMITH

For Constable in Richland Twp.

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## THE TRUTH IN POLITICS

The people of Missouri, whether Democrats or Republicans, sincerely want the best laws and the best government.

Laws and government come thru politics, and it is often difficult to learn what is the truth in politics.

Also, it sometimes seems difficult for the people to tell the differences between the two parties.

To meet those two problems a committee has been formed for the purpose of telling the people of Missouri, first, the truth about politics, and, second, the actual difference between the Democratic and Republican varieties.

This committee is called the Missouri Committee for Truthful Political Information.

It is composed of leading citizens of the State, United States Senators, Congressmen, men who have been governors or held other high official positions, members of the legislature, professional and business men, men who are known in their communities and throughout the state to be of high integrity. List of members of this committee is on file in the office of this paper.

This committee will present in this same space each week, under the heading "The Truth in Politics", a certain fact—one which is an important truth in politics and shows an actual difference between the two parties.

Only undoubted, verified facts will be given. These facts the people of the State have a right to know.—Missouri Committee For Truthful Political Information.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE  
TO BE BUILT AS IT WAS

Plans for rebuilding the house at Wakefield, Va., where George Washington was born were announced on the eve of his birthday.

Four years from now the nation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the first President of the United States—yet four years ago no man could say with certainty what sort of house he was born in. There were opinions enough, a wide variety of them. Some asserted that the Wakefield house, which was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day, 1780, had been a cabin; others a mansion still others, that Washington had not been born at Wakefield at all.

In the course of the last four years, however, students of Washington have, under the auspices of the Wakefield National Memorial Association, arrived at what they consider the truth. No stone—quite literally—was left unturned in the quest, and no document, however remote its bearing, left unexamined. When all the evidence had been collected and assayed, the actual plan was formulated.

Then an architect was entrusted with the task of reproducing the house in which George Washington was born. His plan has been approved by the National Fine Arts Commission, of which Dr. Charles Moore is Chairman.

What the Wakefield Association has done and purposes to do in this undertaking form an important chapter in the history of American memorials. Here is the background: The Washington family first settled on a part of the present Wakefield estate in March, 1665, a full century before the Revolution. Colonel John Washington, the great-grandfather of George Washington, had come to Westmoreland, Va., in 1658. He died and was buried there in 1676. Major Lawrence Washington and Major John Washington, his sons, succeeded him.

After their marriages, the family lived on separate parts of the Wakefield estate until the house in which George Washington was born was burned, in 1780. After that, the Washingtons continued in other houses on the land, and descendants still live on part of the same Wakefield estate—a continuous possession, in whole or in part, for two hundred and sixty-two years, eight generations.

It was at Wakefield, then, that George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, according to the modern calendar. Between three and four years later the family moved to their estate of 2500 acres which embraced the present Mount Vernon. There Washington passed about four more years of his boyhood. Then he moved again with his parents, this time to King George County, Va., to an estate (with a "mansion house") which had previously belonged to William Strother, located approximately two miles distant eastward from Fredericksburg. This property his father, Augustine Washington, purchased on November 2, 1738, and there he died in 1743.

George Washington lived there steadily until his father's death, afterward alternating his stays there with his sojourns with his brother, Augustine Washington, Jr., at Wakefield, and with his mother on her estate at Little Falls on the Rappahannock. When he was sixteen, he returned to Mount Vernon.

After passing some time "in several places essential to his social inter-

ests in the counties of Fairfax, Stafford, King George, Westmoreland and Fredericksburg (including a visit of three months in the West Indies), and to his professional duties as official surveyor for the County of Culpeper and, at large, for Lord Fairfax and others in the upper northern neck of Virginia, as the historian expresses it, he went back to Mount Vernon again, having inherited it in 1752, and other members of the family lived at Wakefield until the fire in 1780.

Probably owing to its comparative inaccessibility in the past, Wakefield has been neglected during most of the years that it has been known as Washington's birthplace. His stepson placed a small tablet to mark the spot after the fire. A farmer who later owned the land saved it from the unhallowed hands of the souvenir hunters. The State of Virginia planned to build a memorial, but the Civil War swept it aside.

So far as the United States Government is concerned, the first official action came in 1879, when Congress appropriated \$3000 for a monument. Two years passed. Then the resolution was redrafted, making the appropriation ten times as much. More years passed. Finally, in the '90s, the monument was built.

When the project for the bicentennial commemoration was formulated it was at once pointed out that the event should take into consideration the birthplace of the man whose birth is to be celebrated. Great importance has attached to the place where he died, Mount Vernon, but it is his birth that is to be commemorated in 1932.

Wakefield's birthplace had been neglected until a few years ago. That was when the Wakefield Association began its restoration work, which will undoubtedly be finished in time for the bicentennial. When all the material gathered by excavations into the ground and into musty archives had been gathered, the architect was appointed to proceed with the plans.

Edward W. Donn, Jr., was chosen because he had devoted much study to Colonial architecture and especially to the simple Virginia structures of the time Washington's birthplace was built.

The excavations had established that the house was of brick, not, as had been erroneously reported, of wood. Quantities of brick had escaped the hands of visitors eager for souvenirs because it was buried in the ground. It was established that the brick had been made on the Wakefield estate. The bricks for the new Wakefield will be produced from the original clay pit. In fact, so close will be the adherence to the model of the past that bricks of a peculiarly mottled surface, burned with a liquid acid that forms a grayish fireproof glaze, which were used where the heat was greatest around fireplaces and chimneys, will be reproduced.

The exterior view of the house was decided upon only after research had established the details. A frontage about double the depth was indicated by the extant foundations. These walls extend down only a few feet below the surface, and the fact that the surface at the present time averages at least a foot above the level it had when young George Washington ran across it, owing to grading done for the monument, clearly defines the basement story indicated by the small half-windows.

With such a basement indicated, the conclusion followed that the first floor above was topped by an attic of a height sufficient to admit of four bedrooms with dormer windows and

chimneys through the outer end, walls providing fireplaces. The comparative lightness of the foundations govern the height of the building, of course. All this, moreover, is strictly in the Virginia tradition of the period, for that type of house was not uncommon in the first half of the eighteenth century.

The room in which George Washington was born was at the left, back corner of the house; that is to say, the right, front room from the other side; for the house was double-faced, in the custom of the period, with one front toward the highway and the other toward the water, two front doors connected by a hall running across the house.

The kitchen, outside, will be rebuilt on the site of the foundation of the great chimney whose foundation is still there, outside the main foundation walls, indicating that it was a matter of national concern that Washington's birthplace was still isolated and that pictures of houses falsely represented as the birthplace were being published. So they formed the Wakefield National Memorial Association.—New York Times.

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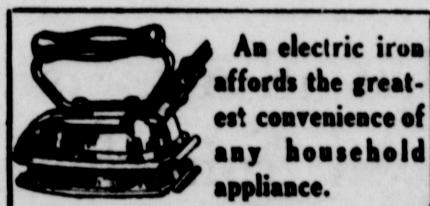


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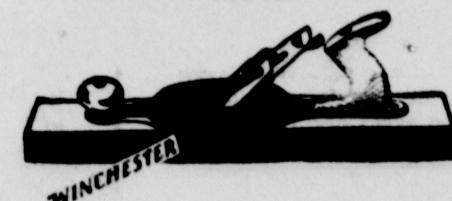
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## CHAPTER I

### The Shadow of the Bat

"You've got to get him, boys—get him or bust!" said a tired police chief, pounding a heavy fist on a table. The detectives he bellowed the words at looked at the floor. They had done their best and failed. Failure meant "resignation" for the police chief, return to the hated work of pounding the pavements for them—they knew it, and knowing it, could summon no gesture of bravado to answer their chief's. Gunmen, thugs, hijackers, loafers, murderers, they could get them all in time—but they could not get the man he wanted.

"Get him—to h—l with the expense—I'll give you carte blanche—but get him!" said a haggard millionaire in the sedate inner offices of the best private detective firm in the country. The man on the other side of the desk, man-hunter extraordinary, old servant of government and state, sleuth-hound without a peer, threw up his hands in a gesture of odd hopelessness. "It isn't the money, Mr. de Courcy—I'd give every cent I've made to get the man you want—but I can't promise you results—for the first time in my life." The conversation was ended.

"Get him? Huh! I'll get him—watch my smoke!" It was young ambition speaking in a certain set of rooms in Washington. Three days later young ambition lay in a New York gutter with a bullet in his heart and a look of such horror and surprise on his dead face that even the ambulance doctor who found him felt shaken. "We've lost the most promising man I've had in ten years," said his chief, when the news came in. He swore helplessly, "D—n the luck!"

"Get him—get him—get him—get him!" From a thousand sources now the clamor arose—press, police and public alike crying out for the capture of the master-criminal of century—lost voices bounding a specter down the alleyways of the wind. And still the meshes broke and the quarry slipped away before the hounds were well on the scent—leaving behind a trail of shattered safes and rifled jewel cases—while ever the clamor rose higher to "Get him—get him—get—"

Get whom, in God's name—get what? Beast, man or devil? A specter—a flying shadow—the shadow of a Bat.

From thieves' hangout to thieves' hangout the word passed along stirring the underworld like the passage of an electric spark. There were bright stars and flashing comets in the world of crime—but this new planet rose with the portent of an evil moon.

The Bat—they called him the Bat. Like a bat he chose the night hours for his work of rapine—like a bat he struck and vanished, pouncing noiselessly—like a bat he never showed himself to the face of the day. He'd never been in stir—the bulls had never mugged him—he didn't run with a mob—he played a lone hand and spaced his stuff so that even Ikey the fence couldn't swear he knew his face. Most lone wolves had a moll, at any rate—women were their ruin—but if the Bat had a moll, not even the grapevine telegraph could locate her.

Bat-faced gunmen in the dingy back rooms of speakeasies muttered over

a big one—and that shows how crazy he is—he doesn't love a nickel any better than his right eye—for any sort of exclusive story. Bonus—huh! and he crushed out his cigarette. "It won't be a Blade reporter that gets that bonus—or any reporter. It'll be Sherlock Holmes from the spirit world."

"But look here, Bill—you don't mean to tell me he'll keep on getting away with it indefinitely?"

The editor frowned. "Confidential—I don't know," he said with a chuckle. "The situation's this: for the first time the super-crook—the super-crook of fiction—the kind that never makes a mistake—has come to life—real life. And it'll take a cleverer man than any Central Office dick I've ever met to catch him."

"Then you don't think he's just an ordinary crook with lots of luck?"

"I do not." The editor was emphatic. "He's the Chapman type—but he's brainier than Chapman. Got a vastly sense of humor, too—look at the way he leaves his calling card after every job—a black-paper bat inside the Marshall safe—a bat drawn on the wall with a burnt match where he'd Jimmied the Cedarburg bank—a real bat, dead, tacked to the mantelpiece over poor old Allison's body. Oh, he's in a class by himself—and I very much doubt if he was a crook at all for most of his life."

"You mean?"

"I mean this. The police have been combing the underworld for him—I don't think he comes from there. I think they've got to look higher—up in our world—for a brilliant man with a kink in the brain. He may be a doctor, a lawyer, a merchant, honored in his community by day—good line that, I'll use it some time—and at night, a bloodthirsty assassin. Well—that's our man."

"But, Bill—" "I know, I've been going around the last month, looking at everybody I know and thinking—are you the Bat? Try it for a while—you'll want to sleep with a light in your room after a few days of it. Look around the University club—that white-haired man over there—dignified—respectable—is he the Bat? Your own lawyer—your own doctor—your own best friend. Can happen, you know—look at those Chicago boys—the thrill-killers. Just brilliant students—likable boys—to the people that taught them—and cold-blooded murderers, all the same."

His companion laughed uncertainly. "How about you, Bill—are you the Bat?"

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His companion rose as well, but it was evident that the editor's theory had taken firm hold on his mind. As they went out the door together he recurred to the subject.

"Honestly, though, Bill—were you serious—really serious—when you said you didn't know of a single detective with brains enough to trap this devil?"

The editor paused in the doorway. "Serious enough," he said. "And yet there's one man—I don't know him myself—but from what I've heard of him, he might be able—but what's the use of speculating?"

"I'd like to know, all the same," said the other, and laughed nervously. "We're moving out to the country next week ourselves—right in the Bat's new territory."

"We'll," said the editor, "you won't let it go any further? Of course it's just an idea of mine—but if the Bat ever came prowling around our place the detective I'd try to get in touch with would be—" He put his lips close to his companion's ear and whispered a name.

The man whose name he whispered oddly enough, was at that moment standing before his official superior in a quiet room not far away. Tall, recently good-looking and well, if inconspicuously clothed and groomed, he by no means seemed the typical detective that the editor had spoken of so scornfully. He looked something like a college athlete who had kept up his training—something like a pillar of one of the more sedate financial houses—he could assume and discard a dozen manners in as many minutes, but to the casual observer, the one thing certain about him would probably seem his utter lack of connection with the seamier side of existence. The key to his real secret of life, however, lay in his eyes. When in repose, as now, they were veiled and without unusual quality—but they were the eyes of a man who can wait and a man who can strike.

He stood perfectly easy to face his chief for several moments before the latter looked up from his papers.

"Well, Anderson," he said at last, looking up, "I got your report on the WillHenry burglary this morning. I'll tell you all about it—if you do a neater and quicker job in the next ten years you can take this desk away from me—I'll give it to you. As it is, your name's gone up for promotion today—you deserved it long ago."

"Thank you, sir," said the tall man, smiling and sitting down. He took a cigar and lit it. "That makes it easier, sir. Because—I've come to ask a favor."

"All right," said the chief, promptly. "Whatever it is, it's granted."

Anderson smiled again. "You'd better hear what it is first, sir. I don't want to put anything over on you."

"Try it!" said the chief. "What is it—vacation? Take as long as you

The Super-Crook of Fiction.



the mail-truck thing—two hundred thousand he got out of that, all negotiable, and two men dead. I wonder how many people he's really killed—we made it six murders and nearly a million in loot—it didn't even have room for the small stuff—but there must be more..."

His companion whistled.

"And when is the Universe's Finest Newspaper going to burst forth with 'Bat Captured' by Blade Reporter?" he inquired, sardonically.

"Oh, for—lay off of it, will you?" said the city editor, peevishly. "The Old Man's been hopping around about it for two months till everybody's plumb cuckoo. Even offered a bonus

like—within reason—you've earned it—I'll put it through today."

Anderson shook his head. "No, sir—I don't want a vacation. I want to be assigned to a certain case—that's all."

The chief's look grew searching. "H'm," he said. "Well—as I say—anything within reason. What case do you want to be assigned to?"

The muscles of Anderson's left hand tensed on the arm of his chair. He looked squarely at the chief. "I want a chance at the Bat!" he said, slowly. The chief's face became expressionless. "I said—anything within reason," he said, softly, regarding Anderson keenly.

"I want a chance at the Bat!" repeated Anderson stubbornly. "If I've done good work so far—I want a chance at the Bat!"

The chief drummed on the desk. Annoyance and surprise were in his voice when he spoke.

"But look here, Anderson," he burst out finally. "Anything else and I'll—but what's the use? I said a minute ago, you had brains—but now, by Judas, I doubt it! If anyone else wanted a chance at the Bat—I'd give it to them gladly—I'm hard-boiled. But you're too valuable a man to be thrown away!"

"I'm no more valuable than Wentworth would have been."

"Maybe not—and look what happened to him! A bullet-hole in his heart—and thirty years of work that he might have done thrown away! No, Anderson—I've found two first-class men since I've been at this desk—Wentworth and you. He asked for his chance—I gave it to him—turned him over to the government—and lost him. Good detectives aren't so plentiful that, I can afford to lose you both."

"Wentworth was a friend of mine," said Anderson, softly. His knuckles were white dints in the hand that gripped the chair. "Ever since the Bat got him—I've wanted my chance. Now my other work's cleaned up—and I still want it."

"But I still tell you—" began the chief in tones of high exasperation. Then he stopped and looked at his protégé. There was silence for a time. "Oh, well—" said the chief, finally, in a hopeless voice. "Go ahead—commit suicide—I'll send you a 'Gates Alar' and a card—"Here lies a d—n fool who would have been a great detective if he hadn't been so pig-headed." Go ahead!"

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## FIRST 10 YEARS OF CAMPAIGN GREATLY REDUCES BOVINE TB

Ten years ago, soon after he had taken charge of the Tuberculosis Eradication Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, the late Dr. J. A. Kiernan made the significant and prophetic statement that "tuberculosis can be eradicated from all the cattle and all the swine in the United States".

At that time official testing showed that 4.9 per cent of the cattle were infected with tuberculosis and figures on 40,000,000 hogs slaughtered under the Federal inspection indicated that 10 per cent of all the swine in the United States were infected.

At the close of 1927 the same sources of information indicated that tuberculosis in cattle had decreased to 2.9 per cent infection, and that although the disease in swine had increased from 10 per cent in 1917 to 15.2 per cent in 1924 it has gradually been decreasing since that time and at the close of 1927 was 13.5 per cent.

There are now 401 counties, or 13 per cent of the entire number in the United States, classed as modified accredited areas because they have less than one-half of 1 per cent infection in cattle. In addition to these free counties there are 627 others engaged in the work looking to modification. This total of 1,028 counties, either modified or working to that end, constitutes one-third of the total number of counties in the United States. A total of 18,610,685 head of cattle are now under supervision for the eradication of tuberculosis.

In reviewing the last 10 years' work, Dr. A. E. Wight, acting chief of the division, said that his marked decrease of infection in both cattle and swine has been accomplished as a result of the intensive campaign against the disease. It is apparent, he says, that the prophecy made in 1917 relative to the possibility of controlling and eradicating this disease is being borne out. He emphasizes the necessity, however, of continued and determined effort to completely eradicate the disease as early as possible. If a feeling of security is permitted to exist to the detriment of organized efforts, dire results may yet occur in some localities.

## HARDWARE STORE NOW UNDER MANAGEMENT OF JNO. SIKES

The Baker-Bowman Hardware Co. is now in charge of A. C. Sikes and will be operated in the future on a cash basis under the management of John Sikes.

The stock of the store will be rearranged and replenished and first class merchandise will be handled. In taking over the management of the store, John Sikes said that he intends to give Sikeston the best in hardware and in conducting the store on a cash basis to give the best prices available.

John is well known and well liked and has many friends who wish him success in his enterprise.

Bethany—Construction of new reinforced concrete bridge over Buck's Branch on south 16th Street will start immediately.

## FOREST FIRES STARTED BY LIGHTNING DO MOST DAMAGE

In forests most carefully guarded from fires due to man's carelessness, there remains the hazard of fires started by lightning. And a study of fire records in the year 1926 in the forest where fire-protection service is maintained shows that although lightning is not the most frequent cause of fire, accounting for only 12 per cent of the number, it was the most important in damage done, accounting for 31 per cent. The explanation is that lightning is likely to start fire in inaccessible spots, where it will not be discovered so promptly and where it is more difficult to gather fire-fighting forces before the fire has spread and has become serious. Man-made fires start where man has been and where it is relatively easy to send men to fight the fires.

In the carefully protected forests of Idaho and Montana the figures for 1926 are even more striking, according to H. T. Gibson of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, who finds that lightning caused 59 per cent of all forest fires and was responsible for 72 per cent of the damage. The danger period in these forests is from the 1st of June to the end of September, and in these months the fire-protection service adds men to its organization and keeps them busy on routine work until the Weather Bureau or the lookout stations atop the mountains report the approach of a storm accompanied by lightning. If a lookout sees a lightning storm passing through a stretch of woods remote from headquarters he will notify the organization, and fire fighters will be started in that direction. It is often several hours, frequently a day or more, after a storm before the smoke is visible to the lookouts, so that they can give exact directions as to its location. Meantime the fire fighters get into the vicinity and gain the precious time that makes the difference between successful suppression of a small fire and a difficult contest with a fire that has gained headway and done great damage.

MRS. JOHN FOX APPOINTED GUARDIAN FOR HUSBAND

John Fox, former City Clerk, was found mentally incapable of handling his own affairs and Mrs. John Fox, his wife, was appointed guardian for him at a hearing before Probate Judge T. B. Dudley late Monday afternoon.

Testimony showed that Mr. Fox is addicted to the use of narcotics, taking doses three times a day any one of which would kill a normal man. It was testified further that Mr. Fox has been using narcotics for several years since he became a addict as a result of hospital treatment.

The findings in the Probate Court will not affect the criminal proceedings in the Circuit Court when the trial of Fox in connection with alleged mismanagement of City funds comes up later in the month except that the insanity findings will probably be used as a defense.

Flat River—500 feet of hose purchased for local fire department.

Bethany—Construction of new reinforced concrete bridge over Buck's Branch on south 16th Street will start immediately.

## Pitman's Tailored Suits for Easter

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## ARTICLE NO. 28

One of the laws of Auction Bridge that causes many arguments is the one covering insufficient bids—Law No. 20, which states that any bid or double is an insufficient bid, unless it is higher than the last previous bid. Such an insufficient bid may be corrected before attention is called to the error. If attention is called to the insufficient bid, however, the penalty is very severe. It is as follows:

"If any player, other than the insufficient bidder, call attention to the insufficiency before the insufficient bidder has corrected his bid and before the next player has declared, the bidder must make his bid sufficient and his partner is barred from further participation in the auction. In such case, the bid may be sufficient by substituting any higher bid in any suit or no-trump".

The tremendous loss that may result from the application of this law was well exemplified the other night in a duplicate game at one of the New York Clubs:

Y	A    B
Z	
Hearts—K	
Clubs—8, 4	
Diamonds—A, K, 6	
Spades—A, K, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2	

No score. Z dealt and passed. A bid with A's hand would have passed one club, Y bid one heart and B bid one spade. Z bid two hearts and A would not be disturbed. A, however, bid two clubs, an insufficient bid. Y was one of those players who love to immediately called attention to the take chances, so he bid two hearts. Error and B was thereupon barred. This bid was made in the hope of from further bidding. A. J. Alexander, of New York City, held B's hand and was so affected by the incident that he wrote the following description of the disaster:

"In every game there are many penalties for not playing exactly according to rule but in no sport are the penalties as severe as in the ancient and honorable game of bridge."

"There's many a slip 'twixt the bid and the lip', and all such slips give great profit to one's opponents. Bid-ding out of turn is more costly than driving a golf ball out of bounds, and revoking is much worse for the declarer than offside play is for a tackle.

"A bridge player must guard almost every word he says with his very life, or an alert opponent will proudly open the book of rules, and impose a penalty which may net him several hundred points. In a recent hand of duplicate at the Knickerbocker Whist Club, a slip of the tongue caused a penalty that made me think that life was no longer worth living.

"It was at the last table and our opponents were determined to fight furiously to make a gain against us. As I picked up my hand, I was overjoyed, because it was a sure game, almost fool-proof and offering opportunities for a small slam. I was B and held: Spades, ace, king, ten and four others; diamonds, ace, king and another; two small clubs and the lone king of hearts. Z dealt and passed with little enthusiasm. A bid one club, which gave me beautiful visions of a slam. Y bid a heart, and I bid a spade, expecting to get the contract very quickly.

"Z said two hearts, and then came the crushing disaster. My partner A, for some unknown reason, bid two clubs, whereupon Y burst into a joy-

Problem No. 32  
Hearts—A, J, 10, 9, 7, 5  
Clubs—10  
Diamonds—A, Q, 9, 8, 6, 4  
Spades—none

Hearts—6, 3, 2  
Clubs—none  
Diamonds—K, 10, 7, 3, 2  
Spades—A, 10, 8, 7, 6

Hearts—Q  
Clubs—K, Q, J, 7, 6, 3  
Diamonds—J  
Spades—K, J, 9, 5, 3

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club. Figure out the proper bidding of the other hands and compare results with analysis that will be given in the next article.

## MUSIC AND COSTUMES OF MINER PLAY ATTRACTIVE

"Mrs. Tubbs of Shanty Towns", the home talent play which is to be presented at the Miner Community Building tonight (Friday) is under the auspices of the Miner Community Association assisted by the Baptist Sunday school instead of as stated Tuesday.

Special music for the play will be furnished by the Miner String Orchestra which is composed of residents of the community and which has been complimented as being an excellent aggregation.

The cast will wear special costumes. Mrs. Tubbs, played by Mrs. C. W. Smoot, is a jovial individual her philosophy is, "I ain't gonna wor-

ry cause there ain't no use to listen your umbrella till it rains", and "Take your comforts as they come", that's my motto—keep smiling", she adds.

Ladies who are to attend the show are advised not to buy their new tea gowns until they see Clingie Vine's creation, which is sure to set the style for several years.

The play will begin at 8 o'clock, the admission is thirty cents for adults and twenty cents for children.

Ilmo—Frisco Railroad working on road bed between Commerce and the Cape.

About the only frills and furbelows now extant are those pantaloons effects on lamb chops and roast chicken legs.—Arkansas Gazette.

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11<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>c

Cured Ham Butts

15c

SUGAR, 10 Pounds

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Fancy Sliced Peaches, can

15c

No. 2<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub> Can Yellow Cling Peaches

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## Rootwad Correspondence

John Andres, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is slowly improving.

Mrs. John Hodges and family entertained homefolks Thursday.

C. R. Curtner is moving from his present location, but has not definitely decided as to where he will move. He is now at what is known as the Sam Potashnick place.

Miss Cassie Hodges entertained Miss Burcher, Tuesday.

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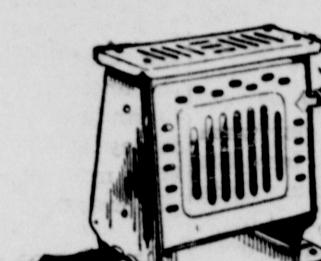
The Winchester Store

## LEAP YEAR BABY

A fine baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard Wednesday, February 29. Both mother and daughter were doing well Thursday. The daughter has not been named yet, but she will not have an official birthday until 1932 at which time she may celebrate four of them at once.

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**SHOWER FOR  
MRS. TROUSDALE**

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingram entertained a number of young people at their home Wednesday evening, February 22, with a surprise party and miscellaneous shower given in honor of Mrs. Harry Trousdale. The decorations and color motifs were in harmony with the occasion.

A large decorated umbrella adorned the center of the table and the delightfully surprised bride found many beautiful gifts heaped there.

The evening was spent in dancing and playing games and at a late hour refreshments consisting of cherry pie with whipped cream, coffee and cake, were served by the hosts. Miniature umbrellas were found upon each plate, souvenirs of the shower.

The list of guests and their gifts, follow:

Mrs. Graham Hydrick, linen towel;

Mrs. Jim Gossett, embroidered dresser scarf;

Mrs. Nellie Howard, emb. pillow cases;

Thelma Nichols, salad bowl;

Mrs. Colly and Mrs. Thelma Boardman, sherbert glasses;

Mrs. Lon Swanner and Miss Beulah Swanner, linen tablecloth;

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hopper, hand-painted pickle dish;

Mrs. Lucy Shankle, aluminum double boiler;

Mrs. Aubrey Shain, gravy boat;

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Singleton, electric iron;

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beal, aluminum percolator;

Earl Singleton, electric floor lamp;

Pearl Crutchfield, bath towel;

Victoria Morris, bath towel;

Pearl and Anna Ward, covered candy dish;

Mrs. Lillian Reed, silver tablespoons;

Mrs. Trousdale, linen tablecloth;

Norene Ables and Mildred Watson, linen tablecloth and napkins;

Mrs. T. A. Cunningham, bath towel and tea towels;

Mrs. Ruby Boardman, aluminum pitcher;

Myrtle Andres and Jessie Vaughn, electric toaster;

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Peek, bed room picture;

Mrs. A. L. Swaim, bath towel;

Lorraine Johnson, rolling pin;

"Doodle" Turner, sherbert glasses;

Lucy Andres, emb. pillow cases;

Mrs. Nannie Hayes, towel and pickle dish;

Anna Ward, bath set;

Julia Williams, salad bowl;

Desiree Bridges, bath towels;

Mrs. Trissa Vaughn and Dona Williams, linen tablecloth;

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingram, aluminum roaster;

Mrs. Emory Williams, aluminum frying pan;

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McKinney, emb. pillow cases;

Mrs. A. N. Green, salad bowl;

Ozella Gossett, bud vase;

Mrs. Arthie Hayden, percolator;

Mrs. Juanita Byrd, emb. buffet set;

Mrs. Belen, bath towels;

Frances Cummings, egg beater and measuring spoon;

Montie and Dossie Hydrick, cream pitcher and sauce pan;

Mrs. Heath, linen tablecloth;

Curiosity Box, Unknown.

**FARMERS WEEK TO CLOSE  
TODAY—MANY IN ATTENDANCE**

Farmers' Week at Cape Girardeau ends today (Friday) with a special program on dairying, which has been suggested as the stabilizing factor in the school building west of the Frisco tracks on No. 61, is used and the school officials of Sikeston have granted permission for the use of the building.

The school was started about three months ago and fostered by the Association in an effort to afford older negroes a chance to get the fundamentals of education which have been denied them for one reason or another. The school building west of the Frisco tracks on No. 61, is used and the school officials of Sikeston have granted permission for the use of the building.

When the school opened, according to the teacher, many of those in attendance could neither read nor write. Now every attendant is able to read, write, add and do simple problems. Health habits, spelling and other subjects are also taught.

The average age of the students attending this novel school is around thirty-five and all of them show great interest in the work, the teacher said. There are more men than women in attendance the records show and while the majority of those attending the school are from nearby places, some few come several miles to attend the school.

The expenses are met by a small weekly payment of not over twenty-five cents per person.

The Sikeston Negro School was established here in 1923, the year when many negroes were brought into this section to work in the cotton fields and was opened by Mrs. C. A. Curry, whose creed was, "Teach them morals and manners". She was succeeded by Stella Smith, the present principal, who was graduated from the St. Louis Summer High School. She has as her assistant her sister, Nola.

The school's two teachers have 112 students enrolled. Fifty-nine of them are in the first three grades and the other fifty three are in from the fourth to the eight grades. There are some pupils in each of the eight grades.

**H. S. BOYS TO CAPE MEET**

Members of the agriculture classes of Sikeston High School and H. F. Sherwood, instructor, spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau attending the Horticulture Day program of the Farmers' Week there.

**BOX SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT**

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a box to the box supper at Sikeston Friday night at 8:00. The supper will be held in the basement of Hinche's Store.

Bring your money boys, and girls Bring your boxes more and more And meet with us tomorrow night At eight in Hinche's Store!

The Highway Department basketball team lost to Portageville there Wednesday night 24-20 in a hotly contested game.

Rev. Gamon of Jackson will preach at the morning service.

R. C. ROGERS, Pastor.

Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. Mollie Long, Mrs. John E. Marshall, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Cy Harris and Mrs. Frank Sikes drove to Charles-ton Tuesday afternoon and visited with Mrs. Lindsay Brown.

**Local and Personal**

Mrs. Gene Potashnick was a visitor to Cape Girardeau, Monday.

A Boy Scout meeting was held at the Methodist church Thursday night.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Durbie of near Matthews, Sunday.

Mrs. L. T. Davey will enter the Emergency Hospital for treatment today (Friday).

C. F. Bruton and J. F. Cox drove to Osage County Wednesday, where they were on business.

The tonsils of little Jack Spivey were removed at the Emergency Hospital Wednesday morning.

The Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. C. E. Brenton Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Bowman, Mrs. J. F. Cox and Mrs. B. F. Blanton motored to Cape Girardeau Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tanner and Miss Myra Tanner were dinner guests at the Chas. S. Tanner home, Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Francis entertained the Wednesday Club and other guests at bridge at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Missouri Pacific crossing on Kingshighway was being repaired by the railroad company Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall of Blodgett, Mrs. Wm. Smith and Miss Kate Austin were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Tuesday in Cape Girardeau, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley.

A Community Bridge dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Pate Thursday evening. Bridge will be played at seven tables.

Billy Malone of Sikeston, accompanied by Cecil Reed of Benton went to St. Louis Wednesday, where Billy will see an eye specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beck were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lurton at Dexter Wednesday evening.

C. D. Matthews is in St. Louis, where he will undergo an operation at the St. Luke's Hospital this morning (Friday) for sinus trouble.

New Spring dresses and coats. Just received from New York. New styles, new colors—\$5.95, \$9.95, \$12.95, \$14.95, \$19.95.—The Peoples Store.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church will hold their meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Jas. M. McCabbee with Mrs. Whidden and Mrs. McCabbee as hostesses.

C. F. Bruton returned from Flat River Tuesday night, where he attended the organization of the Flat River Club. Mr. Bruton is State organizer for the Lions.

Superintendent Roy V. Ellise spent apart of Tuesday in setting out two dozen altheas on the High School grounds which were the gift of Virgie Wescoat, a graduate of last year's class.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway gave them a miscellaneous shower last Friday night. Mrs. Galloway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer, who live on Murray Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mathis, of The Mathis Store, are now living in the apartment over their store formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are living in the apartment recent completed over their show rooms in the Keith Building.

A birthday dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunn of near Sikeston Thursday in honor of Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Beulah Caldwell. Among those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Grover Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heath, Mrs. John Calvin and Mr. and Mrs. Lex Smith.

Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, who returned from St. Louis on the Sunnyland Wednesday, said that the snow in St. Louis started before 7 o'clock that morning and at 1 o'clock had not stopped. He said that it snowed as hard ash e had ever seen it and that by the time that his train left there was about six inches of snow on the ground.

Mrs. Joe Matthews entertained Saturday afternoon at her home complimentary to her mother, Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston, the occasion being her mother's birthday. Bridge at six tables was the diversion of the afternoon's entertainment. The following ladies enjoyed the afternoon: Mesdames J. Russell, E. P. Deal, O. F. Graden, F. J. Wilkinson, O. W. Joslyn, J. L. Ogilvie, T. M. Ogilvie, Mary Moore, P. B. Moore, F. J. John, C. L. Joslyn, G. Noland, Buckner Ragsdale, Miles T. Lee, T. J. Clack, B. M. Schuh, A. W. Chapman, Swift, Thorpe, E. E. Grojean, Miss Grace Danforth, Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Butler, Mo., Mrs. D. N. Thompson of Caruthersville and Mrs. Kate Greer of Sikeston.

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**REV. C. C. BARNHARDT  
ATTENDS ST. LOUIS MEET**

The Rev. C. C. Barnhardt returned Wednesday from St. Louis, where he has been attending one of the evangelical meetings of the Methodist Church. About 250 preachers attended the meeting which was held at the Centenary Church. Bishop B. W. McMurray presided and Bishop John W. Moore of Dallas delivered one of the main addresses.

While in St. Louis, Rev. Barnhardt learned of the dates for the District Conferences. The Cape Girardeau District Conference, which includes Sikeston, will be March 19 at East Prairie. Bishop McMurray will be present and will be the principal speaker Monday night. The meeting will open at 11 o'clock Monday morning and Rev. Barnhardt will be the opening speaker.

**LET'S STOP THE SUNDAY MOVIE**

Will we, as citizens of Sikeston, let the Sabbath day be broken by the opening of the theatre?

Let us as citizens rise up and defend our country, our town, our young people and first of all our church. A nice clean picture in the movie is all right at the right time, but God's day is not the right time. If we break the laws of the Sabbath, what will our Nation come to? You say they are broken as much as could be. Yes, probably that is partly true, but upon whom does the blame fall? It falls on the individual. If the movies of our city is open on Sunday, who will be to blame? The sleeping citizens of Sikeston. If we keep our theatre closed on Sunday and then people go to other place of sin they must answer for their own soul. You say I must think it is a sin to attend the Sunday movie. I surely do for the Sabbath was made for worship. God says, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy".

Is it kept holy when we attend the movie? By all means No. He also says, "Six days shalt thou labor but on the seventh thou shalt rest".

Would not this apply to our movies? We have six nights to go to the movies. Isn't that enough without going on Sunday?

If there is no place else to go people will naturally come to church. You may say if that is why they come they just well stay at home or go some place else. I'll agree with you that that is not the right attitude to take, but have not a number of people wandered into church and been touched by the power of God and yielded themselves to Him. I never heard of anyone being brought to God in a movie.

If our little children are reared by attending the show every Sunday night when will they learn to respect God and the church? Our church of tomorrow depends upon our children of today. We surely cannot expect to have a church of tomorrow if our children are not trained. If we have no church, no religion, what will happen to our Nation? It will fall, it will soon be no better than the heathen nations of the world. Look for just a moment and see what made them fall. They forgot God. No nation can stand when they forget Him.

Come on you citizens who want to see our town what it should be and let's fight this sin until we conquer it.

I'm not a preacher, but I want to see this thing stopped so I would like for you to think over what I have said and I'm sure Mr. Blanton would give you space in his paper to say if you think so.

MARY ELLA STUPPY

Mrs. W. H. Sikes entertained at bridge Thursday afternoon.

The Delphian Society will hold their regular meeting Monday afternoon, March 5 at the home of Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Mrs. E. J. Keith, who is a patient in the St. Francis Hospital at Cape Girardeau, continues to improve, we are glad to report.

The Co-Workers will have their regular meeting with Mrs. Henry Welsh at her home on North Kingshighway, Tuesday afternoon.

Col. Pearl Schaffer, who inspected Company K here February 14 was in Sikeston Thursday morning on his way to Dexter, where he inspected Thursday night. He was at Bernie Wednesday night and will be at Doniphan tonight (Friday).

FOR SALE—Good pea hay.—Mrs. Jennie Stubblefield.

FOR RENT—A furnished room—600

North New Madrid. Phone 542.

FOR SALE—6 silver laced Wyandottes, 1 year old hens; 8 black Minorca

1-year-old hens. Phone 293. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Baby chicks, R. Island